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Astride a white steed, Gaspar de Guzmán, the Count-Duke of Olivares, has watched over the tower stairwell at Bapst Library for the past fifteen years. During recent library construction, however, the portrait of the 17th-century Spanish noble was temporarily removed from its post for some much-needed TLC directed by Diana Larsen, assistant director at the McMullen Museum of Art. Over two weeks last summer, the Boston-area conservator Gianfranco Pocobene and his assistant Corrine Long (pictured) re-saturated degraded areas of the roughly 100-square-foot canvas with mild solvents to match the original paint layers, evened out the surface varnish, and touched up minor abrasions, restoring the circa 1627 artwork by Flemish court painter Gaspar de Crayer to glory.

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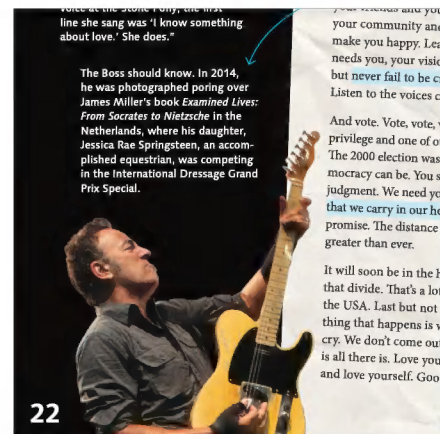
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CONVERSATION //



Toward a More Just America

"Toward a More Just America" was a good read but a bit of déjà vu. A lot of the same issues, dealing with lack of opportunity, inclusion, and socioeconomic injustice, existed for Boston College students of the 1970s. Less attention on high SAT scores and on recruitment of full-tuition international students needs to happen to truly refocus BC onto the path of inclusion and opportunity for all. BC can do better.

James A. Shea Jr. '75
Coupeville, Wash.

What Systematic Racism Looks Like in America

In her essay "White People Have a Race, Too," Professor Janet E. Helms (below) writes, "White people created race as a strategy for supporting institutional racism." White people didn't, in fact, "create race," they devised a system of classifying humans by anatomical details—e.g., skin color, facial features, hair texture, etc.—which they call "races." It's this system of racial classification that "supports institutional racism."

In the 1960s, the racial classification of students or employees was presumptively discriminatory. Therefore, in my opinion, the starting point for eradicating institutional racism is terminating the practice of racially



classifying people! (See Yehudi O. Webster's *The Racialization of America*.) I urge BC's Forum on Racial Justice in America to explore this possibility.

Lawrence "Larry" Johnson JD '75
St. Louis

A Tough Knot to Crack

I really enjoyed reading "A Tough Knot to Crack." Because of the parallels between my and Lisa Piccirillo's Boston College experiences, I wish to give a shout-out to the flexibility and support of the math professors I had at BC.

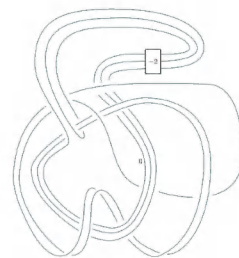
I was a theater major in the mid-'70s and did not want to take calculus to meet my math/science core requirement.

Freshman year, I opted for Ideas in Mathematics, taught by Richard Faber. It was a survey course of areas of mathematics that included four-color theorem, math networks, and some topology. It was a new perspective on mathematics that I knew nothing about after the traditional courses I took in high school.

Faber encouraged me to take more math classes, and he hired me as a TA for his Ideas class, a job I kept throughout my time at BC. I was able to select interesting math offerings like non-Euclidean geometry and number theory, and earn a minor in math (avoiding calculus until grad school). My theater major remained important to me, but having that math background has kept me employed.

It was great to read that the encouragement and support I experienced still abounds in the mathematics department. Additionally, I was happy to learn that Solomon Friedberg was able to expand the department in an exciting way.

Sharyn O'Leary Sweeney '76
Lakewood Ranch, Fla.



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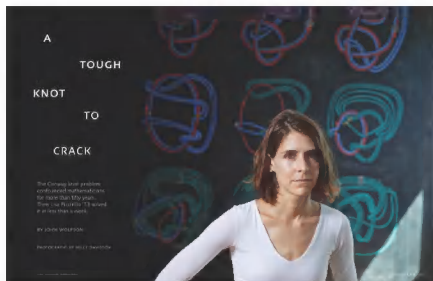
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I remembered as I opened the Fall 2020 edition how much I enjoy this magazine both because of the content and because of the editorial quality. The articles are pithy even when they are not the short, “blurb” type of story. The writing is



tight and accessible. I don’t believe I am being talked down to, but I also don’t struggle to understand what is being said. The writers (and the editor) assume that I, the reader, am a sensible person but not someone who comes to anything with technical knowledge. It leaves me just as likely to read an article about the law school dean (and institutional racism) as to read an article about child soldiers in Africa.

So when I started to read the article about Lisa Piccirillo, I thought, here is the prototypical *BC Magazine* article that makes this such a pleasure: a topic I would not normally read about; actual complexity brought at least to a level where I have a vague semblance of understanding; BC connection (obviously); and, most of all, good writing. I decided that I would finally write to the editor of this magazine to point out that this article is a good example of why I read the magazine. Then, of course, I noticed—you wrote it!

So, thank you. It is a pleasure to receive your magazine. (Incidentally, I like the glued spine because I occasionally pull it apart to send particular articles to my daughters.) Examples of excellence in life are a pleasure to experience.

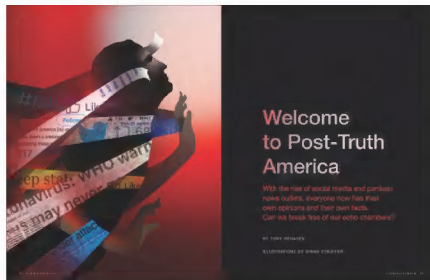
*Michael O’Connor P’18, ’21
Washington, D.C.*

Finding Fault

In the Fall 2020 edition of *Boston College Magazine*, Molly McDonough writes about history professor Conevery Bolton Valencius’s work on “induced seismicity.” I found it odd that a professor of history would be cited as an expert on such a complex technical topic when the University has a very competent earth and environmental sciences department (of which I am a graduate) eminently qualified to provide insight into the topic. Apparently, Ms. McDonough was not aware of the existence of the department or perhaps the point was to denigrate an industry without delving too much into the facts.

*Stephen M. Cassiani ’67, MA’69
Houston*

[Editor’s note: We, of course, hold BC’s Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the highest regard. As our article details, Valencius is an expert in the study of human-induced earthquakes, or induced seismicity. She has conducted extensive research on the subject, and is the coauthor of a book about how energy extraction contributes to earthquakes.]



Welcome to Post-Truth America

Tony Rehagen’s article [Summer 2020] aptly sums up where the country finds itself after four years of unprecedented gaslighting. I was particularly interested in some of the solutions he presented, especially having to do with social media policies and algorithms that block and

remove misinformation. An alternative to that approach, which opens companies up to accusations of censorship, would be to create a system in which, when someone clicks on an article or post, other options from a range of perspectives are presented to them. This could be paired with the bias-ratings approach mentioned in the article—social media companies could alert their users as to the bias level of the chosen article, and suggest ones that were more accurate and truthful. Something to think about as we continue to grapple with this important issue.

*Andrew Ireland ’14
Washington, D.C.*

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Linden Lane

Edited by Courtney Hollands



The Editor

Sally Holmes grew up reading *Seventeen* magazine. Now she's running *Marie Claire*.

By Alix Hackett

Sally Holmes '09 insists her life is not glamorous. And in this pandemic year, that's slightly more believable. Since taking over as editor-in-chief of the iconic fashion magazine *Marie Claire* in September, Holmes has spent the majority of her working hours glued to a computer screen in her New York one-bedroom—not exactly a scene out of *The Devil Wears Prada*.

"What my day-to-day actually looks like is: wake up at 7:30 and sign online," Holmes said with a laugh.

But who says Zoom and glitz can't mix? The day we spoke, Holmes had virtual discussions lined up with a fashion house and a beauty brand, both eager for exposure to *Marie Claire*'s nearly one million print subscribers. A week earlier, she had listened in as drag queen-turned-cultural icon RuPaul remotely interviewed the country music legend Dolly Parton. "My head was an inch from the screen," Holmes said. "All of my job is fun, for the most part, but that was a very cool, lucky thing that I got to do."

Although her meeting calendar has filled up in her new role, she still finds time to write. A search for Holmes's byline is a wild ride, turning up articles on everything from how the British royal family influenced her choice of sunglasses ("Ray-Bans are the perfect mix of sporty and feminine") to the death of the Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg ("It's a tragic day for women—and supporters of women—in the United States"). Holmes is as interested in healthcare legislation as she is the latest Chanel collection, and believes the same can be said for most women.

"We're all 360-degree people," she said. "There's an intellectual note in *Marie Claire* and that's something we're really proud of. It's for a woman who is interested, invested, and looking for fun, informative content."

The glossy world of magazines is one that Holmes has immersed herself in since adolescence, when she and her friends would read *Seventeen* aloud and decorate bulletin boards with its torn-out pages. Every month, Holmes devoured her mother's issue of *Vanity Fair*, dog-eared stories she found inspiring.

At Boston College, Holmes briefly considered pre-med before pursuing a degree in English and landing high-profile internships at *Vanity Fair* and Scholastic. After graduating, she interned at *New York* magazine, ten months that she described as an editorial "boot camp." She learned how to "write fast, and also well," penning articles on New Year's Eve concerts and



MUST READS

Sally Holmes on her early inspirations.

Seventeen "At 14, having something arrive at your door every month was like getting a present—it was just the coolest thing."

Vanity Fair "They had the juiciest features, which I loved, even as a preteen."

The Cut "I thought it had such a great voice and basically did what the whole internet is doing now, first."

chocolate-themed holiday gifts. When the internship ended, she was named editor of the magazine's online homepage.

Holmes then moved to *The Cut*, an online offshoot of the magazine, before leaving *New York* to join ELLE.com as an editor. In 2018, she was named digital director at *Marie Claire*, where she published the magazine's first digital issue, which featured trans activist Janet Mock on the cover. Then, in September, *Marie Claire* editor-in-chief Aya Kanai announced she was leaving the magazine. Holmes was chosen to succeed her, and she is now responsible for both *Marie Claire*'s print and online presences.

Holmes's promotion came in the middle of a pandemic, of course, which has meant navigating a new position with social (and professional) distance. But the restrictions have also yielded bursts of creativity. With in-person fashion photo shoots deemed unsafe, Holmes's team instead commissioned illustrations depicting clothing and accessories being worn, a practice Holmes plans to continue indefinitely because "it's beautiful, and a cool way to work with people we don't normally work with."

And while fashion spreads and skincare routines will always be *Marie Claire* staples, Holmes feels strongly that, going forward, the magazine's pages should also feature more urgent journalism, and highlight activism. For instance, early in the pandemic, Holmes hired a writer to follow a COVID-19 nurse through a harrowing week of twelve-hour shifts at a New Jersey hospital, humanizing the experience of healthcare workers for readers stuck at home. Then in October, *Marie Claire* hosted a virtual networking event featuring, among others, the actress and activist Gabrielle Union and the Black Lives Matter cofounder Alicia Garza. And for the magazine's annual change-makers issue, Holmes assigned a lengthy article profiling eight women involved in the global Black Lives Matter movement.

Holmes said her greatest hope is that the articles and events she helps to create will empower and inspire the next generation of readers, just as *Seventeen* and *Vanity Fair* did for her. "There's just so much magic in magazines," she said. ■

January marked the start of the 25th year for BC EMS,

a student-run emergency medical care team that was born from tragedy. In January 1997, Kevin Eidt '00 died of cardiac arrest during an intramural basketball game at the William J. Flynn Recreation Complex. Eidt's passing inspired classmate Mark Ritchie '00 to establish BC EMS so medical assistance would be more easily accessible on campus. The service's enduring legacy has been a comfort for Eidt's grieving family. "You never get over the loss of a child," said his father, Chris Eidt '66; P'92, '95, '00, of Norwalk, Connecticut. "But watching Mark step up and build this organization that is still such a large part of life on campus today has been beautiful."



The Institute for Scientific Research at Boston College received a \$5.3 million grant from the U.S. Air Force to fund the Space Chemistry, Reactivity, and Modeling (SCRAM) project. The five-year contract will aid BC researchers in Albuquerque, New Mexico, who are using physical chemistry to understand the impact of chemical releases, thruster plumes, and natural phenomena of the space environment.

To help amplify Black voices on campus, Campus Ministry has launched a series of talks on YouTube

called "Preaching from Sister Thea's Kitchen." The series, which explores the intersection of scripture and racial justice, is named for Sister Thea Bowman (above), who received an honorary doctorate of religion from the University in 1989. "Our hope, as the preaching series continues throughout the year, is to honor the legacy of Sister Thea by centering Black voices of faith from the BC community," said Campus Ministry Associate Director Ryan Heffernan. Bowman, who is the namesake of BC's Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center, was known for integrating Catholic tradition with Black spirituality.



Curious about the life of a college student during a pandemic? Tune into Shan Rizwan's YouTube channel. The 21-year-old economics major

guides his more than 69,000 followers around campus, from one hand-sanitizing station to the next, offering a taste of quarantine life at BC. "There's not a lot of people making videos about this moment, especially not with in-person classes," said Rizwan '21. "I feel like I'm documenting history." youtube.com/shanrizwan

BC has hired its most diverse cohort of faculty in at least fifteen years. Of the forty-nine full-time faculty members recruited to the University for the 2020–2021 academic year, 57 percent are women and 39 percent are AHANA (people of African, Hispanic, Asian, or Native American descent). "It creates momentum for other people of color and women to join the BC faculty," Vice Provost for Faculty Billy Soo said. "This, in turn, can help in recruiting AHANA and female students—when they see professors who look like themselves, they appreciate the opportunities higher education presents."

BIG NUMBER

35

Boston College's place in the 2021 survey of national universities by U.S. News & World Report, an increase of two points from last year's rankings.

The School of Theology and Ministry, in collaboration with the School of Social Work, has launched a new certificate program designed to educate Latinos interested in serving as leaders in their parishes. Taught entirely in Spanish, it will encompass theology and spirituality, as well as social issues in Hispanic communities.

The Schiller Institute for Integrated Science and Society hosted a discussion on "Challenging Environmental Racism: From the Local to the Global" in December, as part of the BC Forum on Racial Justice in America. "The Schiller Institute is taking on the battle against environmental racism," said Laura J. Steinberg, the institute's executive director. "As one of the links in the chain of structural racism, environmental racism reaches deep into the lifeblood of communities, causing an accumulation of environmental harms that threaten the health of residents, robbing them of open space, and eroding the value and cohesion of neighborhoods." Watch the discussion at bc.edu/forum-on-racial-justice.html/events.

IN MEMORIAM

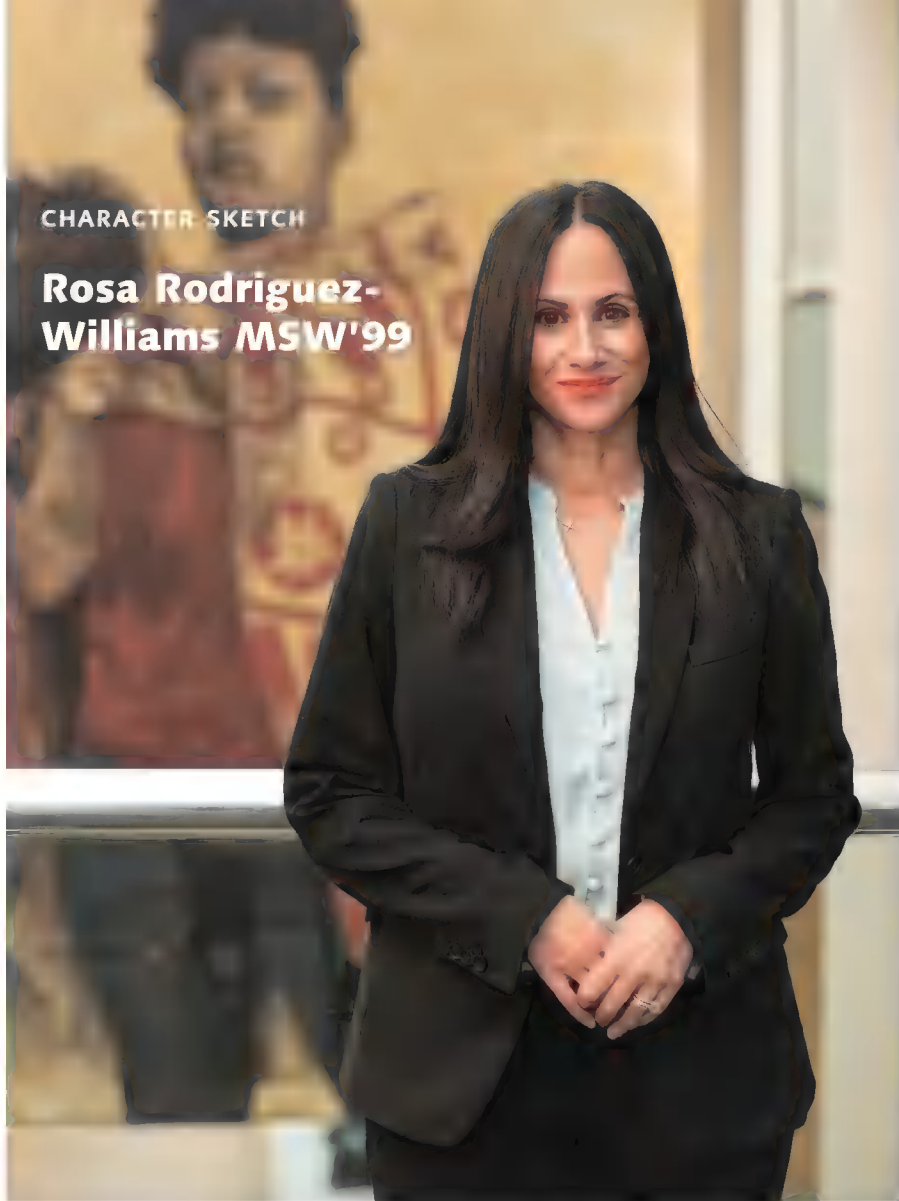
James W. Skehan, SJ, a renowned geologist, founder of BC's geology department, and longtime director of the Weston Observatory, died in November. He was 97. "Father

Jim was not just a great scientist and educator, he was a mentor and friend to many people he encountered in the many dimensions of his long and very full life," said BC Associate Professor Alan Kafka, the current director of the Weston Observatory. "He loved teaching people of all ages about the wonders of planet Earth, and also loved being engaged in all aspects of the fullness of life." A 500-million-year-old genus of trilobite—an extinct marine arthropod vaguely resembling a horseshoe crab—discovered in 2002 was named *Skehanos* to honor Skehan's contributions to earth science. —*Jacqueline Tempera*



CHARACTER SKETCH

Rosa Rodriguez-Williams MSW'99



As a child, Rosa Rodriguez-Williams didn't visit many museums with her family, who moved from Puerto Rico to Lawrence, Massachusetts, when she was 8 years old. "Being from the inner city, we felt that museums weren't for people like us," Rodriguez-Williams MSW'99 said. A few decades later, she's now helping make one more inclusive. In September, Rodriguez-Williams—who built her career creating space for people from marginalized communities—was named the first-ever senior director of belonging and inclusion at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, where she'll work to ensure that guests of all backgrounds feel comfortable visiting the world-class collections. "This is a big place for me to open doors for people that usually would not walk through," she said.

—Alix Hackett

THE POWER OF ART

"I love people's stories, and art brings stories and narratives alive. When people put art on a canvas, to me it's like their insides are being poured out. It's a beautiful thing to be able to experience that here."

ONGOING ACTIVISM

"I've always been an activist. It's always been at the forefront for me. It might seem new to some because the cries for racial justice and social justice are more in your face, but this work has been happening for a very long time."

A REAL SHIFT

"Institutions and organizations—whether it's a museum, a university, or a bank—realize that there's a real shift happening. They have to look at and assess what they're doing and move with this generation, or get left behind."

BC IN THE NEWS

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On the prospect of the majority-Catholic Supreme Court voting to overturn Obamacare: "If they are Catholic in the tradition of Pope Francis or Jesus of Nazareth, the last thing in the world they should do is vote against the Affordable Care Act." —Thomas H. Groome, professor of theology and religious education, September 26

The Boston Globe

On work-life balance in the COVID-19 era: "For many young professionals who are juggling two careers and a family, looking at career and life decisions as a team appears to be a very important determinant of satisfaction both at work and at home." —Jennifer Sabatini Fraone, director of corporate partnerships at the Boston College Center for Work & Family, October 2



USA TODAY

On the pandemic disproportionately affecting communities of color: "COVID-19 has brought out into the open, with painful clarity, these divisions in our society that have been there for a long time but, for one reason or another, people were able to overlook them." —Philip Landrigan, director of the Global Public Health Program, October 12

The New York Times

On toddler relationships: "Their friendships constitute a valuable and rewarding experience. It is a connection of closeness and not just the convenience of having someone who's fun to play with." —Barry Schneider, senior lecturer of psychology, November 12



Formula for Success

BC's Pell Grant students graduate at an impressive rate.

By Sean Smith

Boston College's climb in the rankings wasn't the only good news in the most recent *U.S. News & World Report* survey of colleges and universities. BC not only moved up two spots, to number 35, in the magazine's annual review, but it also registered the nation's third-best graduation rate for students who receive Pell Grants.

Federal Pell Grants are awarded to undergraduates who display extreme financial need. At BC, Pell recipients account for about 14 percent of the student population, and they produced a 96 percent graduation rate during the most recent academic year.

Only CalTech and Princeton did better. The graduation rate for Pell recipients at BC even eclipsed the University's sparkling overall graduation rate of 94 percent.

"This achievement represents Boston College at its best," said John Mahoney, BC's vice provost for enrollment management. Mahoney said the success of the University's Pell Grant recipients is further evidence of its commitment to enrolling and supporting first-generation, low-income students.

Mahoney explained that BC's work to support Pell recipients begins with the partnerships that the University's Office of Undergraduate Admissions forms with community-based organizations, known as CBOs, from around the country. "The CBOs encourage students to take rigorous courses that help prepare them for college-level work," he said. "They are invaluable in connecting our admission staff with students who are a good fit for BC."

From there, Undergraduate Admissions and the Office of Financial Aid work together to offer low-income students the financial assistance they require to enroll

IN GOOD COMPANY

Here are the schools with the best graduation rates for Pell Grant recipients in *U.S. News & World Report's* 2021 survey:

1. California Institute of Technology: 100%
2. Princeton University: 98%
3. Boston College: 96%
4. Harvard University, Yale University, Washington University in St. Louis, and Tufts University (four-way tie): 95%

at BC, which is one of just twenty private universities in the country that practice need-blind admission. "It's an extraordinary commitment for an institution to make," Mahoney said, "and it underscores BC's belief in the importance of a socio-economically diverse student body."

"We're especially pleased to see our Pell students flourish," said Mary McGranahan, director of financial aid. "We strive to provide the resources and support they need to be successful."

Once Pell and other first-generation students are on campus, BC helps them succeed via programs such as Options Through Education, Learning to Learn, the Montserrat Office, BC FIRST, and the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center. BC also recently announced the launch of, and a \$50 million endowment for, the Pine Manor Institute for Student Success, which will coordinate the efforts of many of the above-mentioned programs. And to continue to help make a college education available to students from underrepresented communities, the University last year accepted an invitation to join QuestBridge, a nonprofit program that helps high-achieving, low-income students gain admission and scholarships to top-ranked institutions.

No surprise, then, that *The Chronicle of Higher Education* included BC on its list of the thirty private schools that are the most generous to financially challenged students. "When there is commitment to aggressive recruitment, comprehensive yield programming, generous financial aid, and consistent focus on retention," Mahoney said, "success follows." ■

Engineering the Future

Meet Glenn Gaudette, the chair of BC's new engineering department.

This fall, Boston College's new engineering department will welcome its very first class of students. Unlike most other engineering programs, BC's will pursue a human-centered approach to the discipline, one that prepares students to tackle humanity's most pressing and complex problems. It's a philosophy that has long been championed by the department's inaugural chair, Glenn Gaudette, who recently came to the Heights from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. "If students want to contribute to our world and make people's lives better with engineering, Boston College is a perfect place," Gaudette said.

Gaudette, an accomplished biomedical engineer, has focused on research with the potential to improve lives. For instance, his WPI lab figured out how to use spinach leaves as scaffolds for growing human heart tissue, which could help treat millions of Americans who suffer from cardiovascular diseases. "I look forward to our department producing engineers who are technically very competent and have the depth of knowledge that's needed to be successful," Gaudette said, "but who also realize that everything they do needs to make the world better." Here, he shares a few thoughts on the future of the field at BC and beyond.

COLLABORATING IS KEY

"I'm excited to partner with other schools at BC. I hope our students will work with students at the School of Social Work to understand how we can use engineering to improve the lives of people who are socio-economically disadvantaged. The same goes for nursing students: How can we use engineering to help people who are suffering?"

LEARNING OUTSIDE THE LAB

"Engineers have to get out and talk to people. They need to watch and observe. The most successful engineers are ones who are out there understanding what's going on in the world and where the problems are."

ENGINEERING FOR ALL

"We need a diverse population solving problems so we can bring many different points of view together. How do we do that? We've got to make sure that students understand that engineering is not beyond them—I truly believe anybody can be an engineer, anybody in the world."

—Jacqueline Tempera

ANGELS UNAWARES

For the month of November, a stirring sculpture graced O'Neill Library Plaza. The 20-foot-long, 12-foot-high replica of the bronze *Angels Unawares* statue, by the Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz, depicts a boat crowded with 140 migrants from various cultures and historical periods. At the center is a pair of wings, alluding to the verse that inspired the artwork's name, the New Testament's Hebrews 13:2: "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." After its stint at BC, the artwork set off on a yearlong national tour that will conclude at Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., its permanent home.



HOCKEY FOR ALL

Blake Bolden '13 was the first Black woman to compete in the National Women's Hockey League. Now she's determined to diversify the sport she loves.

By Jacqueline Tempera

Growing up in Ohio, Blake Bolden '13 was consumed by a sport with little room for her. Bolden's relationship with ice hockey was "love at first glide," she said, but her only option for playing was on teams where, more often than not, she was the sole girl on the ice *and* the only person of color. She refused to let that intimidate her, however. "I learned how to thrive in places I felt uncomfortable," she said. "When you grow up the way I did, standing out was almost a moot point."

Now 29, Bolden continues to stand out. A pro scout for the Los Angeles Kings—the second-ever female scout in the National Hockey League—she was recently named to *Sports Illustrated's* "The Unrelenting," a list of standout women in sports, including Serena Williams, Billie Jean King, and Simone Biles, who fight for issues such as gender equality and social justice. "I got tingles as I was scrolling down the list," Bolden said of the honor. "I

can't even believe I'm on a list with these women I idolize."

Bolden's perseverance as a young hockey player led her to BC in 2009. In her four years playing defense, she made three Frozen Four appearances, was named 2013's Hockey East Defensive Player of the Year, and earned All-American honors. After graduation, she joined the Boston Blades of the Canadian Women's Hockey League and helped propel them to the league championship. She also tried out for the 2014 U.S. Olympic team. When she didn't make it, she almost quit the sport at age 22. "I was so depressed," Bolden said. "But I decided I could sit on my butt and mope about it, or find a new way to succeed." So she went on to become the first Black woman to compete in the National Women's Hockey League, where she made three All-Star teams and helped the Boston Pride win the 2016 championship. In 2019, she was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year.



Bolden was increasingly attracting attention, for her play on the ice and for what she represented to her many young fans. Parents of the kids waiting for autographs "would tell me, 'You're my little girl's favorite player,'" she said. "We've never seen someone who looks like you play at this level and it's huge."

Today, Bolden is more than just a pro scout for the Kings—she's also the team's

growth and inclusion specialist, meaning she works every day to diversify the sport she loves. (In addition, she runs a private coaching and mentoring business, Blake Bolden Athletics.) "I am fulfilling a purpose so much bigger than myself," she said, recalling that she didn't always feel welcome on the ice. "I can speak my truth and inspire others to know that when one door closes, another one always opens."



Sea Worthy

There's a reason for "Crazy" Craig Lewin's nickname. In July, Lewin '08 swam the 21-mile English Channel in eleven hours and twenty-four minutes, becoming just the 240th person to complete the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming—a trio of aquatic feats that also includes crossing the Catalina Channel off Southern California and circumnavigating the island of Manhattan. "From hour three to eight and a half I just zoned out," Lewin recalled. "You're in that meditative Zen state. You're trying to enjoy everything but you're not even really thinking. You're just going and going and going." To hear more about Lewin's journey, check out the *Boston College Magazine* podcast at on.bc.edu/BCMpodcast or wherever you get your podcasts.

The Sweet Life

In 1983, Catherine Carty-Wilbur and her husband, Tom, opened Wilbur's of Maine Chocolate Confections in Freeport, Maine, after years of teaching around the world. The couple originally planned to sell candy produced by others, but enough visitors asked if they made their own chocolate that they decided to give it a go. "It definitely was trial and error—if you're using really good chocolate, it's very temperamental," Carty-Wilbur LSOE'66 said. They eventually mastered the art, and almost four decades later, here are some of Wilbur's most enduring confections. —Courtney Hollands

Turtles

It's the caramel, crafted with heavy cream, that sets these nut clusters apart. "It makes a difference in the taste," Carty-Wilbur said.

Shah Bars

Wilbur's created these bars to honor Maine CDC Director Dr. Nirav Shah, who gives regular updates on COVID-19. "Everyone in the state is madly in love with him," Carty-Wilbur explained.

Chocolate-covered blueberries

These dried berries, enrobed in milk chocolate and then a blue-hued white chocolate coat, are among the Wilbur's products offered at area Whole Foods.

Meltaways

Andy Wilbur—the couple's son, who has taken over day-to-day operations with his wife, Kristen Frazier SSW'01—studs these truffles with everything from chipotle powder to peanut butter.

Come Rain or Shine

For more than three decades, Dave Epstein has been one of Boston's most beloved meteorologists. We caught up with Epstein, who has both an MBA and a master's in counseling psychology from Boston College, to find out what it's like to forecast the weather in such a demanding market.

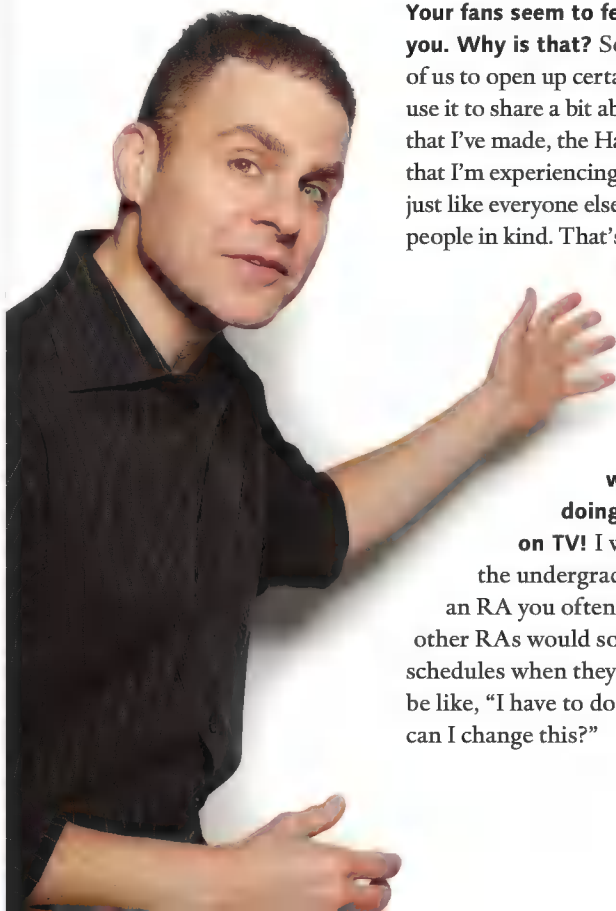
When did you know you wanted to be a meteorologist? I was enthralled by the weather even in my preteen years. I knew from an early age that it was probably what I would do. In one of my old yearbooks—I think it was ninth grade—Mr. Chambers wrote, "It will be my pleasure to see you on TV someday."

People in New England have an intense relationship with the weather. What's it like being a meteorologist here? I walk my dogs in the morning and I always meet the same couple of people. Immediately, the conversation turns to weather. They're talking to me about the forecast as if I don't know what's going on. *Well, we heard it's going to be kind of rainy tomorrow.* I'm listening and going, "Guys, I know what's happening with the weather!"

Have you noticed that certain meteorological terms—"thundersnow," "bomb cyclone"—are creeping into our everyday language? Some of these terms have been moving around in the meteorological community for a long time. Then, because of social media, they get out there. You see [The Weather Channel's] Jim Cantore dancing in the thundersnow with the lightning and getting excited, and that brings it into the general population. And bomb cyclone? A cyclone is simply another name for a low-pressure area. And bombogenesis is a meteorological technical term. Somebody just went, *Bombogenesis of a cyclone—let's combine them into bomb cyclone!* That's a really cool, sexy name and, boom, it got picked up.

Your fans seem to feel a special connection to you. Why is that? Social media has allowed all of us to open up certain parts of our lives. So, I use it to share a bit about me—whether it's a meal that I've made, the Hanukkah candles I've lit, or that I'm experiencing the effects of the weather just like everyone else. And that opens up other people in kind. That's just the case in relationships, the psychology of it.

During the early '90s, while earning your MS in counseling psychology, you actually lived in Rubenstein Hall and worked as an RA—while doing the weekend weather on TV! I was a little bit older than the undergraduates, but not a lot. As an RA you often had to work nights. The other RAs would sometimes need to switch schedules when they had to study for exams. I'd be like, "I have to do the forecast on Channel 5, can I change this?" —John Wolfson





THE SHOW MUST GO ON

Costume-coordinated facemasks, temperature checks, Zoom auditions, and a giant green screen at the Robsham Theater Arts Center were all part of the BC Theatre Department's unconventional staging of *Twelfth Night* in November. With help from the film department and the use of blocking and choreography that followed social-distancing guidelines, Paula Plum (at left)—the production's director and the 2020–21 Monan Professor in Theatre Arts—reimagined the Shakespeare comedy as a film. "The goal is to tell the story, and theater people will find the means," said Plum, an award-winning Boston actress and director. "I hope that what sings out is the spirit behind the production: that, despite the odds, we have managed to make something beautiful during a time of great crisis and uncertainty." Check it out on the BC Theatre Department's YouTube channel.





BC Band Meets K-Pop

No halftime show, no problem. When the pandemic canceled the Boston College Marching Band's annual dance performance at Alumni Stadium, the group collaborated with the Korean Student Association's AEROdynamik Dance Crew and the Golden Eagles Dance Team to produce a two-minute music video. In it, band members play an arrangement of the hit song "ON" by the Korean pop group BTS while dancers show off choreographed hip-hop moves, all against the steampunk backdrop of the Waterworks Museum in Chestnut Hill.

Breaking the Cycle

Professor Catherine Taylor is testing strategies to prevent spanking and its negative outcomes.

By Molly McDonough

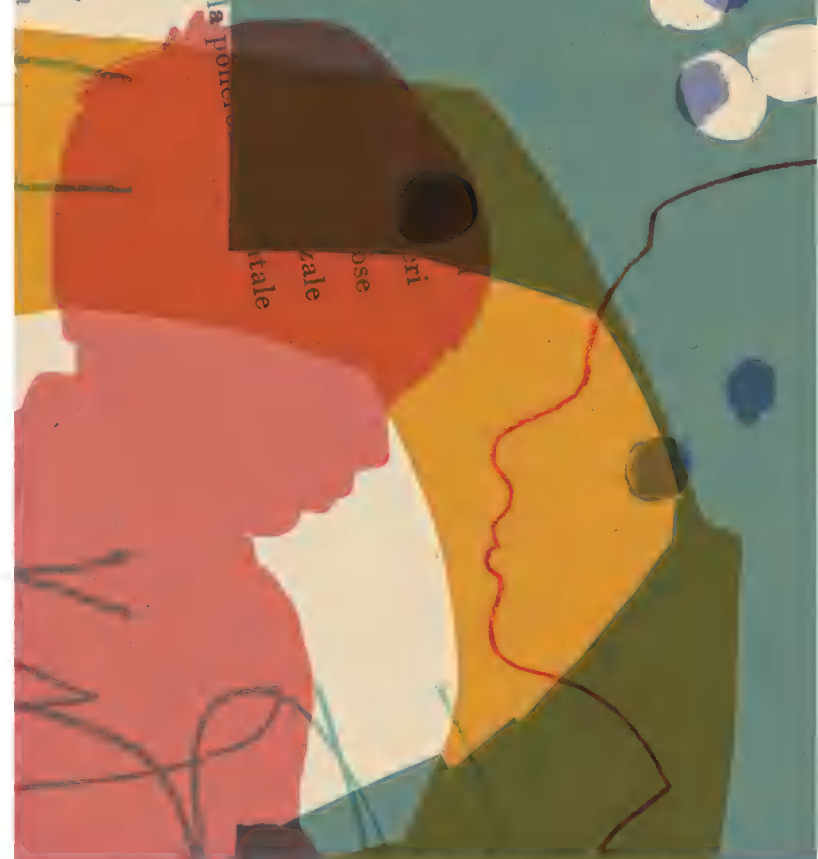
Studies suggest that spanking occurs in more than a third of U.S. families with children. It's a staggering statistic, especially considering that there is abundant evidence that children who experience physical punishment, such as spanking, are at much greater risk of suffering long-term consequences, according to School of Social Work Professor Catherine Taylor. "They experience many of the same poor outcomes as children who are physically abused," Taylor said.

Taylor, a specialist in child-abuse prevention who came to Boston College in 2020 after fifteen years at Tulane University, has researched physical punishment's deleterious effects. In one study, she found that the odds of a child being aggressive at age 5 increased by 50 percent if he or she had been spanked more than twice a month at age 3. Another study she coauthored found that teenagers who had experienced physical punishment as children were signifi-

cantly more likely to commit dating violence.

Now Taylor is testing strategies to prevent spanking and break the cycle of violence. Her latest project centers on interventions with parents. She recruited more than 800 mothers in New Orleans to take part in short educational programs designed to give parents alternatives to spanking. One program, called Triple P-Level 2, introduces the principles of positive parenting, such as praising and reinforcing good behavior and setting up rules and expectations that are aligned with a child's age and stage of development. The other program, Play Nicely, presents parents with methods for responding to an aggressive child.

"I'm examining these two programs to see if they can change parenting attitudes and behaviors," Taylor said of the initiative, which is funded by the Eunice Kennedy Shriver National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. "If so, then implementing these brief, low-



cost programs on a wide scale could help reduce rates of child physical abuse."

Taylor is optimistic that the use of spanking can be reduced. "Physical punishment persists because it's normal for parents to do what they learned from their parents," she said. "But as the science and new recommendations get out, it's gradually declining." Indeed, the prevalence of spanking has been trending downward in the U.S. in recent decades, and according to Taylor's research, nearly three-quarters of American pediatricians do not approve

of the practice. Meanwhile, sixty countries—nearly one-third—now ban the use of physical punishment for children, up from just four countries in 1992, per the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children.

The key is to let parents know that there are effective alternatives, and Taylor believes the interventions she's testing will do just that. "We want to get the message out to parents in the most effective way possible," she said, "so that, for the next generation of children, physical punishment becomes a thing of the past." ■

» **"A Population in Peril," a new joint report by the Boston College School of Social Work and the Harvard Global Health Institute, outlines the public-health crisis at the U.S.-Mexico border.** The paper's coauthors call for a "comprehensive response" to the situation and offer recommendations to better protect vulnerable migrants seeking asylum.

» **Converting carbon dioxide into methanol,** a potentially renewable fuel, offers an opportunity to reduce carbon dioxide emissions, according to research by a team of BC chemists. Inspired by naturally occurring processes, the team used an efficient multi-catalyst system to make the conversion, as reported in a recent online edition of the journal *Chem*.

» **Unfounded financial rumors on Twitter can distort the price of a stock for weeks,** Associate Professor of Accounting Susan Shu and colleagues reported in the *Journal of Accounting and Economics*. "Simply put," Shu et al. wrote, "repeated encounters of the same information in one's social media network can lead to an inflated assessment of its validity and temporarily distort price discovery."

Menstrual Care with a Conscience

Katie Diasti '19 is creating earth-friendly and toxin-free pads and tampons.

By Christine Balquist

Over her lifetime, the average woman uses between 250 and 300 pounds of pads, tampons, and applicators—plastic waste that ends up languishing in landfills for decades or even longer. In fact, it's been estimated that a single pad can take up to 800 years to break down.

Such stats floored Katie Diasti '19 when, in the fall of her senior year, she began researching business ideas for the class Entrepreneurial Marketing in a Digital World. "It creates so much waste," she recalled thinking. "There has to be an alternative." Sensing an opportunity, Diasti set out to design biodegradable period-care products with plastic-free packaging.

One of her first calls was to Associate Professor of Biology Laura Hake to discuss natural fibers that could be used in place of plastic. Diasti settled on organic bamboo—a sustainable option, as it doesn't need much space or water to grow. She then hosted focus groups in the Mods and conducted market research. "I frankly

started ignoring some of my other classes because I was so fascinated with what we were doing," she said.

Diasti named her venture Viv for your V—"I think of Viv as an older sister, a mentor, or as someone you look up to," she explained. In the spring of 2019, she participated in the University's Edmund Shea Jr. Center for Entrepreneurship's accelerator program, and then in the SSC Venture Partners accelerator program, both of which provided business contacts and some funds to help Viv get off the ground.

Diasti had a full-time merchandising job at a big e-commerce company lined up after graduation, but she pushed back the start date and eventually turned down the opportunity so she could continue working on Viv. "For a long time, it was just me at a desk in an office space in Boston," Diasti said. "But having a BC alumni startup network was crucial to getting through the early days and figuring out little problems."

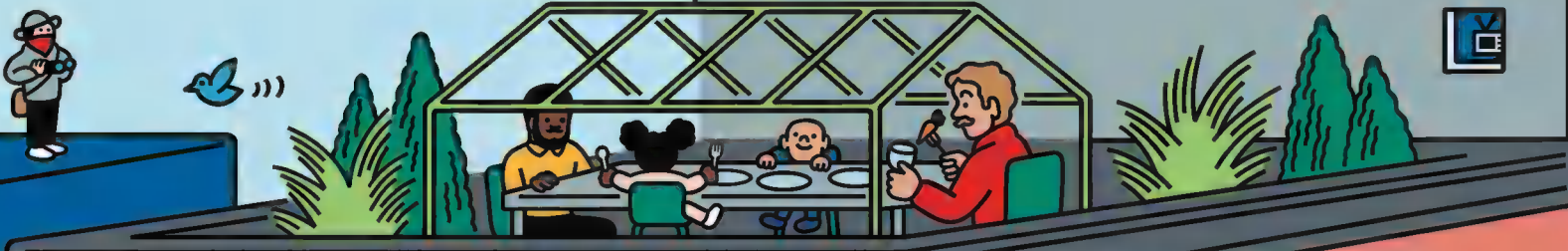
Over time, she navigated the FDA approval process for her products, signed people up for preorders at markets around Boston, and packed boxes once the inventory arrived at her apartment. The company officially launched in January 2020, and Diasti has since hired both a COO and a CFO, Catherine Mak '19, whom Diasti worked alongside in the Residence Hall Association at Boston College. She has also taken on BC student interns.

Today, customers buy products and subscriptions directly from the Viv website, with current offerings including toxin-free pads, panty liners, and menstrual cups. This March, the company is set to unveil organic cotton tampons, complete with sugar-cane applicators. "What's so exciting is that we have the chance to rewrite how people experience a monthly cycle," Diasti said. "We've gotten reviews and comments saying, oddly enough, *This is the first time I've looked forward to my period because my Viv box is coming in the mail.*"

Advocacy is also baked into the business model. Last March, Diasti ran a "Periods Don't Stop for a Pandemic" promotion on social media, with Viv donating one pad to homeless shelters for each share of the Instagram post (they've given away 4,000 so far). "One of the basics of being a member of the period-care community is understanding menstrual equity and period poverty," said Diasti, who volunteers with Mass NOW, the local chapter of the National Organization for Women, to help make free menstrual products available in schools, prisons, and shelters. "When choosing a product, we vote with our dollars," she said. "So, our motivation every day is to create a product that's better for you, better for the earth, and better for your wallet." ■

Viv for your V CEO
Katie Diasti '19,
right, with COO
Izzy Sarrafzadeh.





Is remote work here to stay? As many as 60 percent of U.S. employees are estimated to have worked remotely at some point during the pandemic, a shift that could lead to "profound transformations in mindsets around work and life as we know it," said Assistant Professor of Sociology Wen Fan. In a project funded by the National Science Foundation, Fan is exploring the changing nature of work and remote workers' experiences and preferences, as well as disparities in remote-working conditions and work-family balance by gender, socioeconomic status, and race/ethnicity, which could inform social policies moving forward. Though the team has just begun analyzing the data, Fan says one respondent's thoughts—"It's a fickle thing, sometimes you love it, sometimes you hate it"—captures the overall sentiment so far.



Are kids now spending too much time with screens? When schools and daycares closed abruptly, children began spending much more time engaged with cell phones and computers. "Screens are the babysitter of last resort," said BC psychologist Joshua Hartshorne, coauthor of the study "Screen Time as an Index of Family Distress." Whereas lower screen-time rates before the pandemic were thought to be a function of well-informed parenting, it's now clear that they were also due to well-resourced parenting, he said. The next phase of the project, funded by the National Science Foundation, will examine whether screen time is actually problematic for child development.

COVID-19's Effects on Everyday Life

Boston College researchers are exploring the pandemic's impact on life as we know it. Here's a look at just some of the important questions they're asking—and answering.

By Courtney Hollands • Illustration by Tomi Um

For more pandemic-related research from across BC, see sites.bc.edu/responding-to-covid-19.



Can we safely reuse PPE? The pandemic revealed a severe national shortage of personal protective equipment. So when the CDC made the unprecedented recommendation to reuse N95 respirators, a team from the Connell School's new Doctor of Nursing Practice program—Jacqueline Sly, Beth McNutt-Clarke, Nanci Haze, and Allan Thomas—created a three-minute YouTube video and guide illustrating how to don, doff, store, and then redon the masks. Their materials are now part of clinical orientation for nursing students, and the team also shared their guidelines and experiences training their colleagues in them in *American Nurse* and *Nursing Management*.

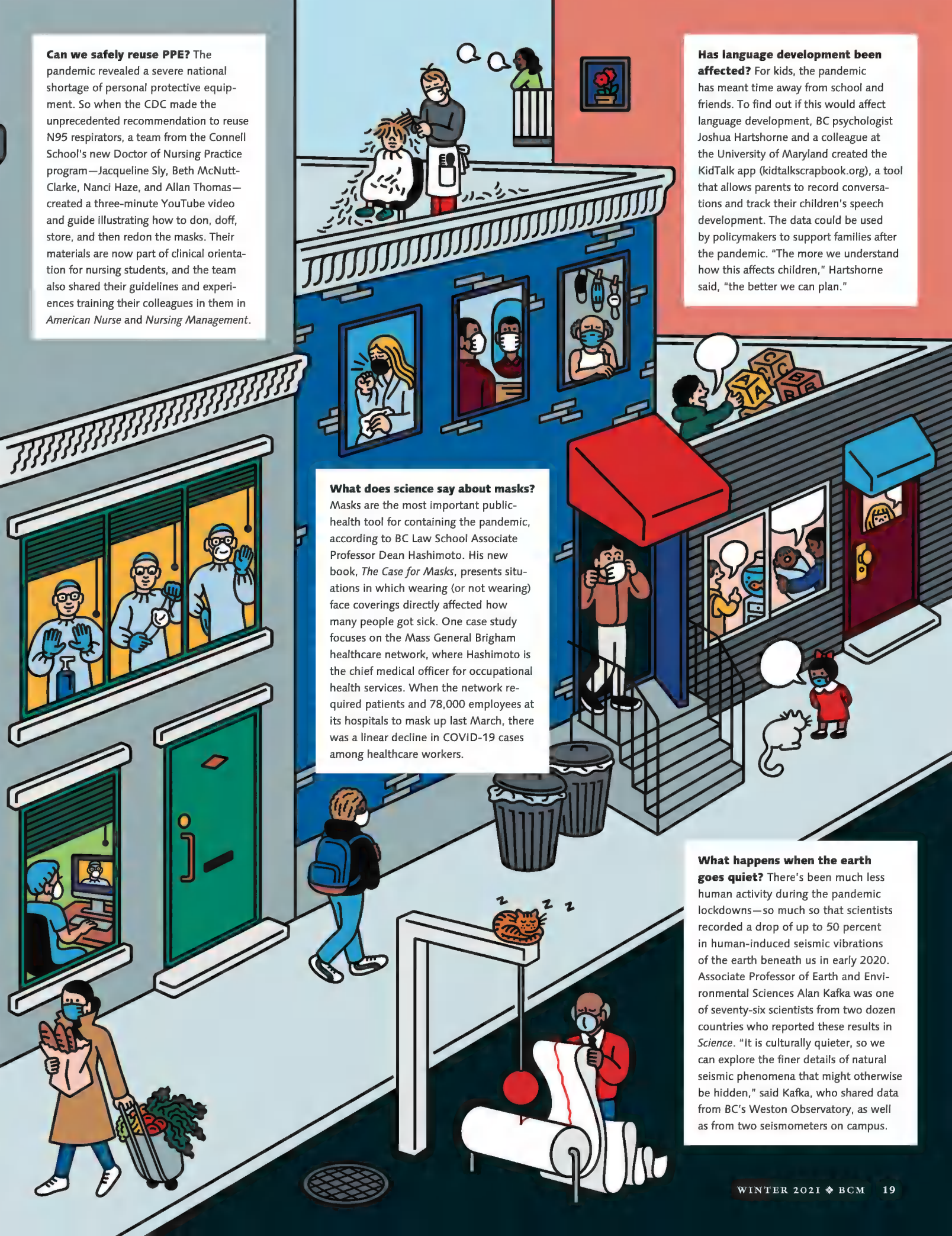
What does science say about masks?

Masks are the most important public-health tool for containing the pandemic, according to BC Law School Associate Professor Dean Hashimoto. His new book, *The Case for Masks*, presents situations in which wearing (or not wearing) face coverings directly affected how many people got sick. One case study focuses on the Mass General Brigham healthcare network, where Hashimoto is the chief medical officer for occupational health services. When the network required patients and 78,000 employees at its hospitals to mask up last March, there was a linear decline in COVID-19 cases among healthcare workers.

Has language development been affected? For kids, the pandemic has meant time away from school and friends. To find out if this would affect language development, BC psychologist Joshua Hartshorne and a colleague at the University of Maryland created the KidTalk app (kidtalkscrapbook.org), a tool that allows parents to record conversations and track their children's speech development. The data could be used by policymakers to support families after the pandemic. "The more we understand how this affects children," Hartshorne said, "the better we can plan."

What happens when the earth goes quiet?

There's been much less human activity during the pandemic lockdowns—so much so that scientists recorded a drop of up to 50 percent in human-induced seismic vibrations of the earth beneath us in early 2020. Associate Professor of Earth and Environmental Sciences Alan Kafka was one of seventy-six scientists from two dozen countries who reported these results in *Science*. "It is culturally quieter, so we can explore the finer details of natural seismic phenomena that might otherwise be hidden," said Kafka, who shared data from BC's Weston Observatory, as well as from two seismometers on campus.



A Billion to None

Reeves Wiedeman '08 traces the rise and fall of the new-economy darling WeWork.

By Courtney Hollands

WeWork, the global company that rents out shared office space, was valued at \$47 billion in 2019. Today, the once-rising star has fallen, thanks to a botched IPO and mismanagement by the company's ambitious cofounder and former CEO Adam Neumann and the investors who enabled him in hopes of a windfall. So, will the startup community learn anything from this high-profile parable of unchecked excess?

"My unfortunate short answer is no," said the journalist Reeves Wiedeman '08, author of the new book *Billion Dollar Loser: The Epic Rise and Spectacular Fall of Adam Neumann and WeWork*. Wiedeman, a *New York* magazine contributing editor, should know. Over the past few years, he has reported on Uber, Vice Media, and other companies born out of the VC-funded startup boom of the 2010s, which saw investors pressuring startups to grow and grow, the better to inflate their own profits—even if such expansion was detrimental to long-term sustainability. "WeWork emerged from the financial crisis, and there are people who will emerge from the crisis we're in now who will be looking to build empires," Wiedeman said. "We have a system that is set up primarily by the venture capital world where the goal is to get as big as you possibly can."

WeWork, which leases commercial office space

and rents it to freelancers and small companies looking for sleekly designed places to log in, first came across Wiedeman's radar a few years ago, when, seemingly overnight, a half dozen locations popped up within blocks of *New York's* SoHo offices. In early 2019, he began working on what he thought was a New York City real estate piece about WeWork. But as Wiedeman dug in and got to know the charismatic CEO Neumann, the scope of the story expanded.

"It became very clear that everything that was good about the company, and then some of the problems that emerged, stemmed from Adam," Wiedeman said. "He was the key to the growth of the company. And in many ways, he was the reason things fell apart."

Neumann, who moved to New York and enrolled in college as a 22-year-old freshman studying entrepreneurship, was hell-bent on creating a successful business. Any business.

Tall and gregarious, he had a penchant for smoking marijuana, shooting tequila, and strolling the city streets sans shoes.

Neumann cofounded WeWork with Miguel McKelvey in 2010, insisting that the company was not so much an office-rental concern as a technology enterprise that would elevate the world's consciousness (it wasn't and, so far, it hasn't). But again and again, investors bought his lofty pitch. "No one could quite figure out how Adam was going to make WeWork break the rules of the real estate business, which are pretty set and defined," Wiedeman said. "Yet they wanted to believe." It is always surprising when writing about big business, he said, to "realize how many of the decisions are based on gut feelings or hope or whatever, especially in the venture capital and startup world."

Wiedeman published his *New York* article about WeWork in June 2019. Spurred by a source, he began to realize there was a bigger story to tell—and this conviction only grew after the lackluster response to WeWork's IPO filing in late August led to Neumann's ouster, a month



later, over his mismanagement and erratic behavior. In all, Wiedeman talked to more than 200 high-level employees, lawyers, and investors for his book, dredging up the juicy details and accounts related to the company's unraveling. (One example: He got his hands on the multi-page rider of items that Neumann and his wife, Rebekah, requested for WeWork's annual Summer Camp retreat in London in 2018, which included a Mercedes V Class, two bottles of thirty-year-old single-malt Scotch, and a pair of dedicated bartenders.)

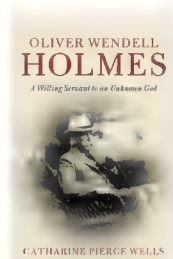
"I think there was a caricature of Adam as a supremely crazy, laughable person, but there's a lot in him that's identifiable in other businesspeople," Wiedeman said. "The question will be whether they are self-reflective enough to realize how some of the lessons might apply to them, even if they are not the type to smoke weed on a private jet and walk around barefoot in New York City."

Of course, now Neumann-less, WeWork still exists. While its business model of communal workspace may seem antithetical to social distancing, current CEO Sandeep Mathrani told *Bloomberg* in October that WeWork is on track to be profitable in 2021 and plans to revisit an IPO, ushering in a new era. "The future of WeWork's business, the real estate business, and the startup world is still being written," Wiedeman said. "I certainly saw this book as taking a capsule shot of this decade of WeWork's existence, with an eye toward figuring out what comes next." ■



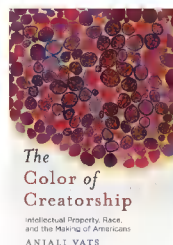
***After the Gig: How the Sharing Economy Got Hijacked and How to Win It Back* // Juliet B. Schor**

The sharing economy—exemplified by companies such as Uber and Airbnb—has a dark side. Schor, a BC sociology professor, argues that such companies exploit employees and extract wealth from the broader economy and offers strategies for making the sector more equitable for both workers and users.



***Oliver Wendell Holmes: A Willing Servant to an Unknown God* // Catharine Pierce Wells**

Oliver Wendell Holmes is one of the most influential Supreme Court justices in our nation's history. Yet the man himself has remained relatively unknown. Wells, a professor of law, provides a rare look at the spiritual and philosophical underpinnings of Holmes's life, exploring how Transcendentalism and pragmatism informed both his character and his contributions to law.



***The Color of Creatorship: Intellectual Property, Race, and the Making of Americans* // Anjali Vats**

At a time when America continues to reckon with systemic racism, Anjali Vats, an assistant professor of communication and African and African diaspora studies, explores how intellectual property law has evolved from a racial standpoint. Also an assistant professor of law, Vats focuses on the ways that copyright, trademark, and patent policies have often devalued inventors of color.



***All Souls Day: The World War II Battle and the Search for a Lost U.S. Battalion* // Joseph M. Pereira and John L. Wilson '71**

In an account that's part investigative journalism, part military history, and part memoir, Pereira and Wilson tell the story of a 1944 World War II battle along the Germany-Belgium border. Wilson's uncle, Jack Farrell Jr. '44, was killed there, but his body remained unaccounted for until 2008. It was largely through Wilson's dogged efforts that Farrell's remains were at last repatriated in 2010.

—Jacqueline Tempera

WHAT I'M READING

***Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother* by Eve LaPlante.**

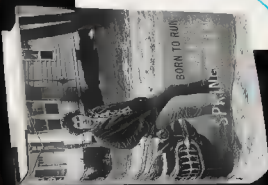
"Biographies of Alcott tend to focus on her relationship with her eccentric Transcendentalist father and relegate her "Marmee," Abigail May Alcott, to the dusty corners. This book brings Abigail into the light as an abolitionist, a suffragette, and a writer in her own right and shows the profound influence Abigail's intelligence and grit had on one of America's most beloved and iconic authors."

—Rebekah Mitsein, associate English professor



And Now, a Few Words from The Boss

In September, Bruce Springsteen delivered the First Year Academic Convocation address. Deputy Editor Courtney Hollands delves into his speech.



Last summer, all first-year BC students received a copy of Bruce Springsteen's deeply personal 2016 memoir, *Born to Run*, along with a reflection guide exploring the book's themes, including family dynamics, personal relationships, addressing adversity, and chasing aspirations. The singer later adapted the book into the sold-out show *Springsteen on Broadway*.

Though Springsteen received his diploma from New Jersey's Freehold High, he skipped his graduation ceremony. The principal had suggested he cut his hair or stay home, he wrote in his memoir, so "I spent my graduation day wandering around Greenwich Village, eating pizza, hanging in Washington Square Park, stopping in at the Wha?, and meeting a new girlfriend."

In his book, Springsteen wrote that, early in his career, he and his band's longtime guitarist Steve "Little Steven" Van Zandt "were the best lead guitarists and front men in the area, and our presence in the club led to the gestation and formation of many bands that became the center of the Asbury Park music scene." He would later memorialize this seaside blue-collar resort in the title of his first album, *Greetings from Asbury Park, N.J.*

"Greetings, Boston College incoming class of 2024. If you completed your assignment and read my book, you will know I got into rock and roll for the sex, the drugs, and the sex. Wait a minute, that's the wrong speech. Only joking. Let's start again. All right. Hi, I wish we could have all been together tonight, but as you know, circumstances don't allow. Now I, like you, have a high school diploma, but I am 70 years old and I do not, and will never have, a college degree. I've grown up in the music business, which is filled with many odd and unusual creatures, and one learns experientially, not from the book. In my business, you graduated from the school of hard knocks. That's your degree."

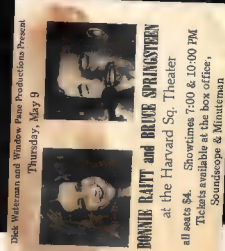
I lived that, it has its merits, but overall, I regret missing out on college. It's going to be unforgettable and the ride of your life. My son, who graduated from this very institution, told me so. You will spend your next four years living in a place where the life of the mind is paramount. The life of the mind is a beautiful thing. Along with your spiritual life, it's the apotheosis of human experience. Take pleasure in your body and your physical life in your youth. Don't waste it because aches and pains are coming. But here, in this place, you will not neglect the life of your mind. I missed that my first time around and I had to do my best to make it up on my own. I had to seek my teachers and my mentors in libraries and on the street. Worked, but I was not able to immerse myself in a place entirely dedicated to learning and I wished that I had.

What you're about to embark upon will be the greatest adventure of your young life. You can waste it, you can half-ass your way through it, or you can absorb every minute of what you're experiencing and come out on the other end an individual of expanded vision, of intellectual vigor, of spiritual character and grace, fully prepared to meet the world on its own terms. To be young in this beautiful and accommodating city and to be engaged in the life of this school is a great, great privilege.

Now, we are currently in the midst of an historic experience. On our watch, they shut down the United States of America and the world for the past half year. You are the first "Coronial Generation." You are already wisened by this experience, to appreciate the underappreciated. Sporting events, getting together with your friends, concerts, remember those? Well, we will soon look to you for answers for a safer and better world. So where do you start? Satisfying work. Spend your energy doing and studying something that inspires you and that you love. You will never regret it. At your age, I was making fifteen bucks a night playing a little bar in Asbury Park and I loved every minute of it because I loved what I was doing.

Springsteen's eldest son, Evan James Springsteen, graduated from Boston College in 2012.

Springsteen, a one-time altar boy who went to Catholic school, wrote in *Born to Run* that he "came to ruefully and bemusedly understand that once you're a Catholic, you're always a Catholic. I don't often participate in my religion but I know somewhere...deep inside...I'm still on the team."



The Boss and Bonnie Raitt go way back. Reviewing Springsteen's opening set for Bonnie Raitt at the Harvard Square Theatre in

May 1974 for the Boston alt-weekly *The Real Paper*, the influential critic Jon Landau declared: "I saw rock and roll future and its name is Bruce Springsteen." (Landau went on to become Springsteen's longtime manager and producer.) Years later, when his son was attending BC, Springsteen was spotted busking on Boston Common.

Springsteen has been helping his fans get through the pandemic by posting old concerts on YouTube and Apple Music, sharing favorite songs on his Sirius XM show, and releasing his 20th album, *A Letter to How*, in late October.



In *Born to Run*, Springsteen wrote about his wife of thirty years, the singer and songwriter Patti Scialfa: "The night I fell in love with Patti's voice at the Stone Pony, the first line she sang was 'I know something about love.' She does."

The Boss should know. In 2014, he was photographed poring over James Miller's book *Examined Lives: From Socrates to Nietzsche* in the Netherlands, where his daughter, Jessica Rae Springsteen, an accomplished equestrian, was competing in the International Dressage Grand Prix Special.



Work that satisfies and inspires is one of the most important aspects of a fulfilling life. Money is great, but alone, it ain't going to do it. Everybody wants to do well, but don't just do well, as they say, do good. Choose something that makes you happy, that makes you want to get up and go to work in the morning and allows you to rest easy at night. Then find out where and how you can give back, because you're going to always get more than you give. Relationships, you've got to learn how to love and how to let yourself be loved; this is essential to the health of your soul. That is how you will prove yourself of value to your community, your family, your partner. Find your place in their lives and find out how to thrive there.

Find out who you are. As Socrates supposedly said, "The unexamined life is not worth living." Express your emotions, share your inner life, and be emotionally generous with your friends and your partner. All of these things will make you a stronger presence in your community and will allow you to give more of yourself freely and lovingly. This will make you happy. Learn how to be an informed, active, and engaged citizen. Your country needs you, your vision, your energy, and your love. Yes, your love. Love your country, but never fail to be critical when it comes to your country living up to your and its ideals. Listen to the voices calling you from our founding documents and keep faith with them.

And vote. Vote, vote, vote. Only half of all Americans vote. It's a sin. Voting is an enormous privilege and one of our most sacred rights as citizens. You can change the course of history. The 2000 election was decided by 500 votes or less. We've recently seen how fragile our democracy can be. You stand sentry, you stand sentry at the door of a free nation. We need your judgment. We need your vigilance and your commitment to a greater America. The America that we carry in our hearts. The American experiment, just as you are today, is an unfulfilled promise. The distance between the American dream and our American reality remains greater than ever.

It will soon be in the hands of your generation to do your damndest, to make up and heal that divide. That's a lot to ask, but that's what it means, if you will excuse me, to be born in the USA. Last but not least, heal thyself. We all come into this world in trauma. The first thing that happens is we're thrown out of our motherly home and the first thing we do is cry. We don't come out laughing. There will be plenty of laughter to come—and love. Love is all there is. Love your neighbors, love your friends, love your family, love your partner, and love yourself. Good luck. Enjoy the ride."



Springsteen has a long history of activism and has supported numerous causes from veterans' groups to Amnesty International—he's even played shows to benefit BC at the Stone Pony (above), in Asbury Park.

Though often mistaken for a patriotic rallying cry, Springsteen's 1984 hit "Born in the U.S.A." is actually about a Vietnam vet who is let down by his country. When Ronald Reagan began referencing the song in his stump speeches—after Springsteen denied him permission to play it at campaign events—the rocker balked, later telling *Rolling Stone*, "I think people have a need to feel good about the country they live in. But what's happening, I think, is that that need—which is a good thing—is getting manipulated and exploited."

"In the 1960s the first version of my country that struck me as truthful and unfiltered was the one I heard in songs by artists like Bob Dylan, the Kingsmen, James Brown, and Curtis Mayfield," Springsteen wrote in his memoir.

"One of the points I'm making in the book is that, whoever you've been and wherever you've been, it never leaves you," Springsteen told *Vanity Fair* in 2016. "I always picture it as a car. All your selves are in it. And a new self can get in, but the old selves can't ever get out. The important thing is, who's got their hands on the wheel at any given moment?"



BC'S 25 ALL-TIME GREATEST ATHLETES

BY JOHN WOLFSON

STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHY BY LEE PELLEGRINI



More than 400 athletes have been inducted into the Boston College Varsity Club's Hall of Fame. That's a lot of incredible competitors, and we rabid BC fans embrace every one of them. But of all the many thousands of athletes who have donned the maroon and gold, who are the very best? To find out, we assembled a panel of experts and tasked them with identifying the 25 greatest BC athletes of all time. After many, many hours of analyzing statistics, debating intangibles, and reviewing eras, the panel settled on the group of exceptional Eagles you'll find in the pages ahead. Of course, a subjective exercise like this will invariably leave some people disappointed. We very much welcome your thoughts on who we missed. Tell us who's on your list and why, and we'll publish the best of your responses in an upcoming issue.

MEET THE PANEL



DONNA BENNETT

Bennett, the University's first female certified athletic trainer, retired in 2019 after 42 years of working with nearly every athletic program at BC.



JOHN KANE

Kane worked in BC athletics for 40 years, twice serving as interim athletics director, and retiring last year as a senior associate athletics director.



DERRICK KNIGHT '03

Knight is the president of the Boston College Varsity Club, and a former star running back who ran for 3,725 yards in his BC career.



BARRY GALLUP '69

Gallup is a senior associate athletics director at BC, a former assistant coach of the football team, and one of the finest receivers to ever play for the Eagles.



REID OSLIN '68

Oslin, who served as associate athletics director for media relations from 1974 through 1997, is the author of 4 books on the history of BC athletics.

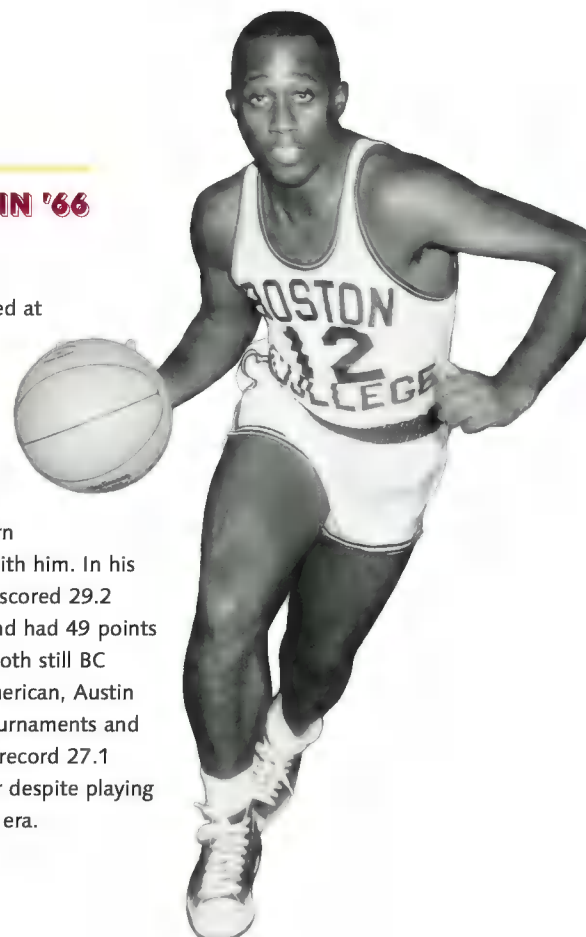


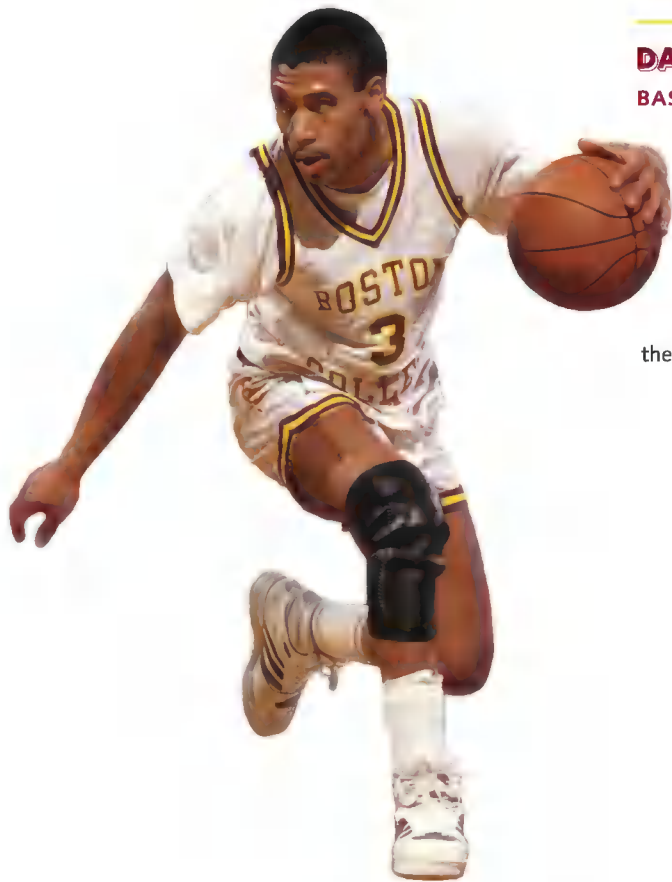
SAM APUZZO '19 LACROSSE

Blessed with natural talent and a ferocious drive for greatness, Apuzzo shattered BC records and won the Tewaaraton Award, given to college lacrosse's most outstanding player, while leading the Eagles to 3 straight NCAA championship games. An attacker, Apuzzo is BC's all-time leader in career points, goals, and draw controls, and is responsible for the top 3 goal-scoring seasons in University history. After graduation, she joined the lacrosse team's coaching staff.

JOHN AUSTIN '66 BASKETBALL

When Austin arrived at BC—recruited by new coach Bob Cousy to help turn the Eagles into a national powerhouse—he brought the modern era of basketball with him. In his 1st season, Austin scored 29.2 points per game and had 49 points in a single game, both still BC records. An All-American, Austin led BC to 2 NIT tournaments and averaged a school-record 27.1 ppg over his career despite playing before the 3-point era.





DANA BARROS '89

BASKETBALL

A spectacular athlete, Barros was offered a football scholarship to play wide receiver at BC but thankfully chose basketball instead. The point guard, a Boston native, was the Big East Freshman of the Year, a 3-time all-conference selection, and 1 of only 2 players to lead the Big East in scoring twice.

By the time he left the Heights for the NBA, Barros had become the 1st Eagle to score more than 2,000 career points.



TROY BELL '03

BASKETBALL

Bell made an immediate impact upon arriving at the Heights, averaging 20.1 points per game in his 1st season, and he never looked back. By the time the point guard graduated, he'd led BC to a Big East Tournament title, twice been named an All-American and twice the Big East Player of the Year—and scored more points than anyone in school history, 2,632.

ALEJANDRO BEDOYA '09

SOCCER

A midfielder known for his passing touch, Bedoya helped lead the Eagles to the ACC title in 2007. He is 1 of just 3 players in program history to twice be named an All-American, and was also a 2-time semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy, which recognizes the top player in college soccer. Bedoya has earned more than 60 career caps with the U.S. Men's National Team, and has played in some of the world's top professional leagues.





ALEX CARPENTER '16

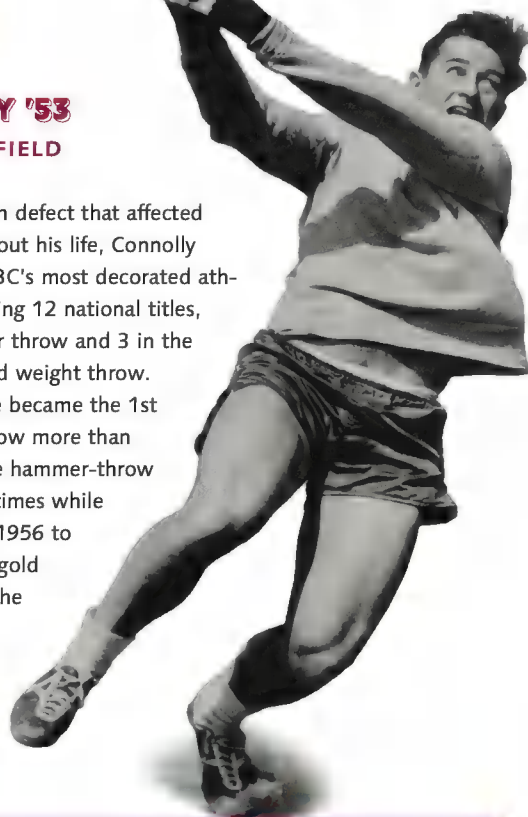
HOCKEY

Though Carpenter is best known for her incredible talent with the puck, graduating with the most goals and assists in BC history, she was an all-around player who took as much pride in playing defense and killing penalties. The forward won the Patty Kazmaier Award, given to college hockey's top female player, became the 5th-leading scorer in NCAA history, and helped lead the USA to a silver medal at the 2014 Olympic Games.

HAROLD CONNOLLY '53

TRACK AND FIELD

Born with a birth defect that affected his arm throughout his life, Connolly became one of BC's most decorated athletes ever, winning 12 national titles, 9 in the hammer throw and 3 in the indoor 35-pound weight throw. After college, he became the 1st American to throw more than 200 feet, set the hammer-throw world record 6 times while holding it from 1956 to 1965, and won gold in the event at the 1956 Olympics.



HAMMER TIME

The list of incredible BC hammer throwers doesn't end with Harold Connolly.



GEORGE DESNOYERS '63

A 2-time All-American in the hammer throw, Desnoyers won the NCAA championship in the event in his senior season, and also set a Boston College hammer-throw record.



JOHN FIORE '66

The NCAA hammer-throw champion in both 1965 and 1966, Fiore established BC records in both the hammer and the 35-pound weight throw.



JIM KAVANAUGH '68

The 1968 NCAA hammer-throw champion, Kavanaugh also set BC records in the shot put, pole vault, discus, and decathlon—and had 44 receptions during 2 years as a receiver on the football team.



SEAN MCGEHEARTY '97

A 4-time All-American, McGehearty won the 1997 NCAA 35-pound weight-throw championship, and holds the BC record in that event.



MARK MCGEHEARTY '97

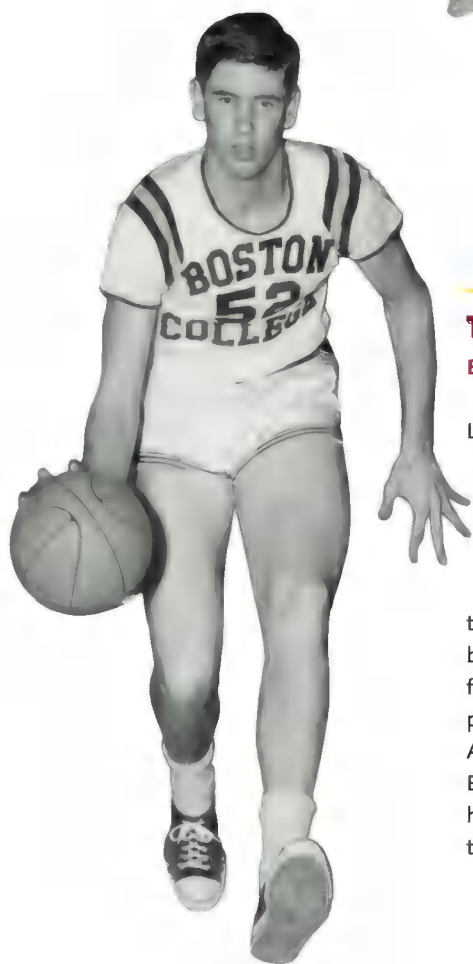
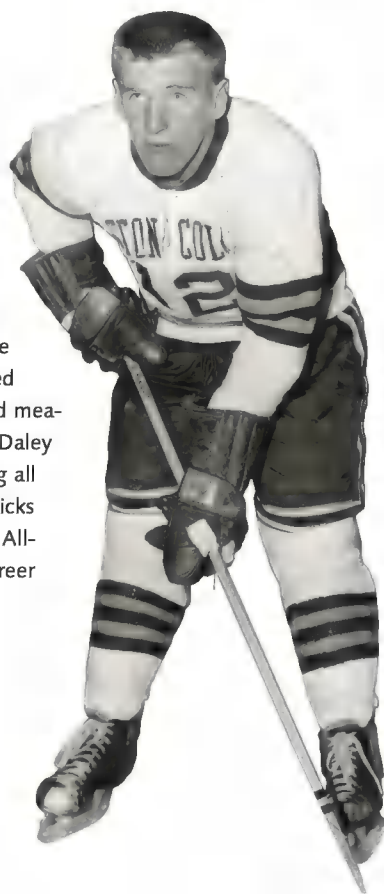
McGehearty, a 7-time All-American, may have lost the 1997 NCAA 35-pound weight-throw championship to his twin brother, Sean, but did set the BC record in the hammer throw.



BILL DALEY '61

HOCKEY

Daley scored the very 1st goal at the old McHugh Forum...and then added another 75 in his BC career for good measure. A prodigious offensive talent, Daley led the Eagles in goals scored during all 3 of his seasons, had 7 career hat tricks (including 4 in 1961), was a 2-time All-East selection, and left BC as the career leader in scoring.



TERRY DRISCOLL '69

BASKETBALL

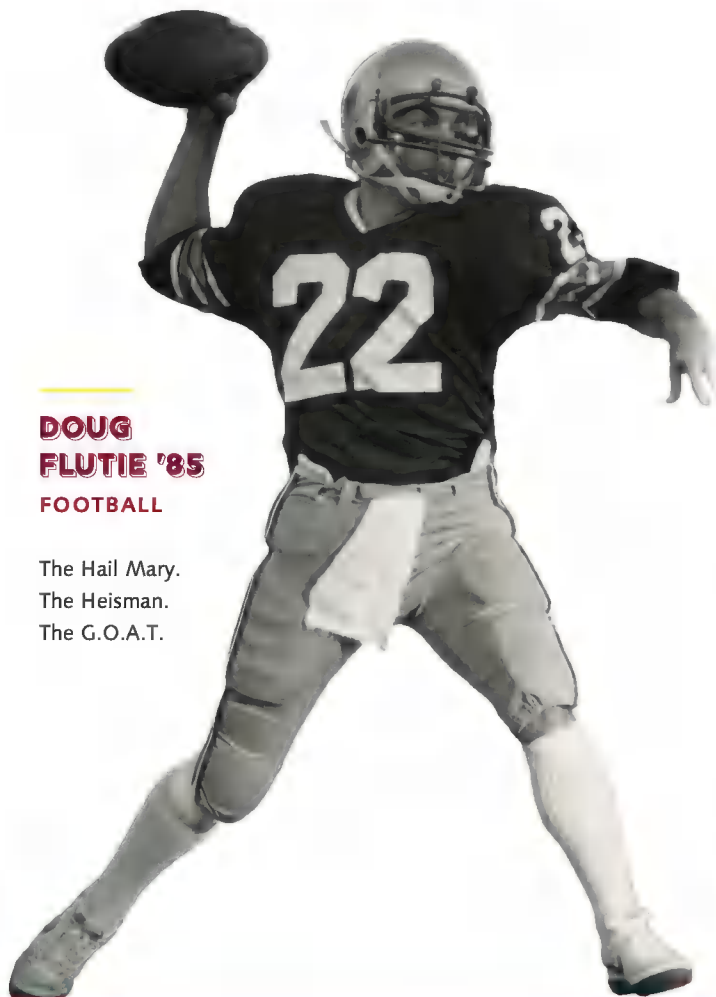
Like John Austin before him, Driscoll played a leading role in coach Bob Cousy's remaking of BC basketball. An outstanding rebounder, Driscoll was also an effective scorer and a master of the fastbreak style of play preferred by Cousy. In his senior season, the forward led BC to the NIT championship game and was named an All-American. After graduating as the Eagles' all-time leading rebounder, he was taken with the 4th pick of the 1969 NBA draft.



JARED DUDLEY '07

BASKETBALL

A power forward who brought a football intensity to the basketball court, Dudley was a fine scorer and rebounder who always seemed to come up big in the biggest moments. Dudley finished his career among BC's all-time leaders in scoring, rebounding, steals, and free throws attempted and made. Following his senior season, he was named ACC Player of the Year and a 2nd-team All-American, and he has gone on to have a successful NBA career.



DOUG FLUTIE '85

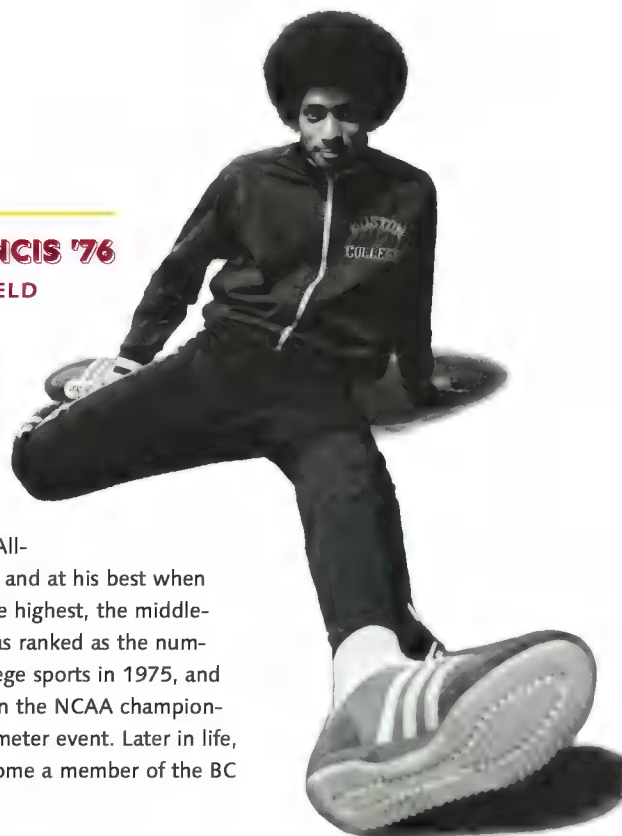
FOOTBALL

The Hail Mary.
The Heisman.
The G.O.A.T.

KEITH FRANCIS '76

TRACK AND FIELD

Often described as BC's greatest track and field athlete, Francis set school records in 7 different events and was a 7-time All-American. Fearless and at his best when the stakes were the highest, the middle-distance runner was ranked as the number-2 miler in college sports in 1975, and that same year won the NCAA championship in the 1,000-meter event. Later in life, Francis would become a member of the BC Board of Trustees.



LEGENDARY EAGLES

These BC athletes made outside contributions both on and off the field.



BILL FLYNN '39

After starring in football, hockey, and baseball, Flynn became a BC math professor and part-time football coach. He was named director of athletics in 1957 and is credited with ushering in the era of modern sports at BC.



JOE MCKENNEY '27

A star BC athlete, McKenney became head football coach and then a Hall of Fame college football official. He was also instrumental in BC's 1949 acquisition of the reservoir that was filled in to become Lower Campus.



PETE FRATES '07

A standout baseball player, Frates was diagnosed with ALS in 2012. His Ice Bucket Challenge helped to raise more than \$220 million for ALS research before he passed away in 2019. BC's new baseball facility is named in his honor.



LOU MONTGOMERY '40

Montgomery was BC's first Black football player and an important part of the great teams of 1939 and 1940. Because of Jim Crow laws, he was barred from playing with those teams in the Cotton and Sugar bowls.



JOHN "SNOOKS" KELLEY '28

In 36 years as BC's hockey coach, Snooks became the first college coach to win 500 games, guiding the Eagles to the 1949 national championship along the way. Kelley Rink in Conte Forum is named for him.



TAMIE THOMPSON '80

A pioneer, Thompson founded BC's women's lacrosse and soccer teams—and starred for both of them. The same talent and drive led to her election, in 1989, as the 1st female president of the Varsity Club.

JOHNNY GAUDREAU '14 HOCKEY

An explosive scorer, Gaudreau was instrumental in BC winning the 2012 national championship, and he led the Eagles to a Frozen Four appearance 2 seasons later. Along the way, Johnny Hockey had a 31-game point streak, tying the Hockey East record, and averaged 2 points per game during a dominant final season at the Heights, becoming just the 3rd Eagle to win the Hobey Baker Award as college hockey's best player.



LAURA GEORGES '07 SOCCER

Excellent in the air, and a shut-down 1-on-1 defender, Georges was perhaps the most dominant defensive player in the ACC during her time with BC. She twice made the All-ACC first team, and in 2006 was named ACC Defensive Player of the Year and a semifinalist for the Hermann Trophy, given to the nation's top college player, despite missing 6 games to play for the French national team.



BC'S BEST COACHES

Through the years, they've recruited, motivated, strategized, and won.



KATIE KING CROWLEY

WOMEN'S HOCKEY 2007 TO PRESENT

Now in her 14th season at BC, Crowley has coached her teams to more than 300 victories, 6 Frozen Four appearances, 5 Hockey East regular season championships, and 6 Beanpot titles.



BOB COUSY

MEN'S BASKETBALL 1963 TO 1969

Cousy came to the Heights immediately after retiring from the NBA. His canny recruiting and running style of play helped the Eagles achieve a .750 winning percentage during his 6 seasons at BC.



CATHY INGLESSE

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 1993 TO 2008

Known for her embrace of the fundamentals and her skills as a teacher of the game, Inglese led her teams to a .680 winning percentage over 15 seasons, and coached BC to the 2004 Big East tournament championship.



TOM O'BRIEN

FOOTBALL 1997 TO 2006

O'Brien fielded teams that were both disciplined and successful during his 10 years at BC. He coached the Eagles to 8 bowl games, winning 7, and had 5 teams in the top 20.



AL SKINNER

MEN'S BASKETBALL 1997 TO 2010

With his 247 victories in 13 seasons, Skinner became BC's winningest men's basketball coach. His teams won a Big East title and made 7 NCAA tournament appearances, and he was named National Coach of the Year in 2001.



JERRY YORK '67

MEN'S HOCKEY 1994 TO PRESENT

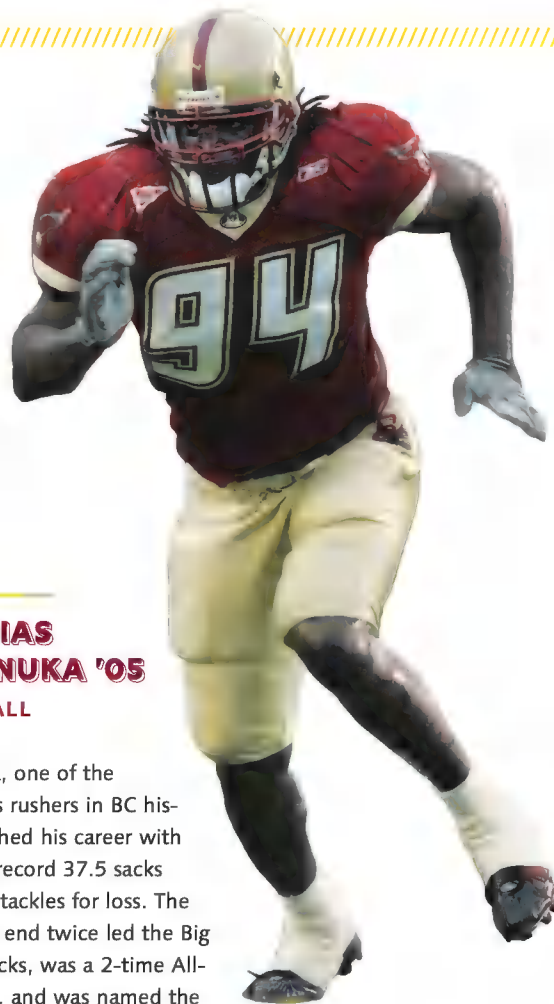
A hockey Hall of Famer and former star BC player, York is the winningest college coach of all time, with more than 1,000 victories and 5 national championships, including 4 at BC.





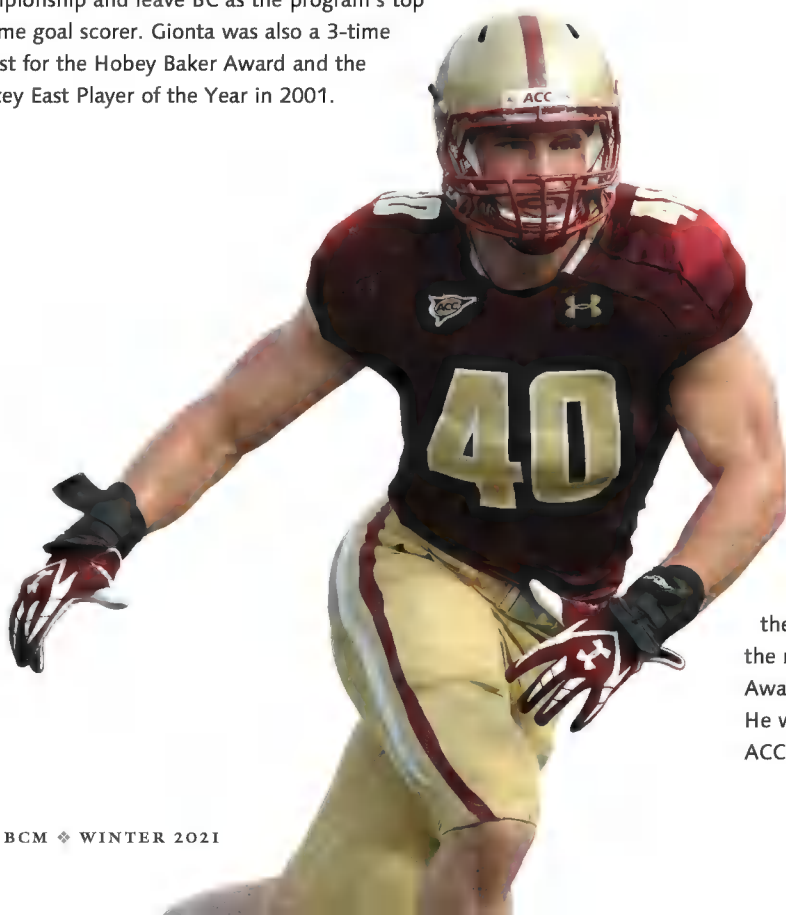
BRIAN GIONTA '01
HOCKEY

How good was Gionta? He once scored 5 consecutive goals in a game against Maine...in the first period. That was just one of the school-record 9 hat tricks that the forward had in a career that also saw him lead the Eagles to the 2001 national championship and leave BC as the program's top all-time goal scorer. Gionta was also a 3-time finalist for the Hobey Baker Award and the Hockey East Player of the Year in 2001.



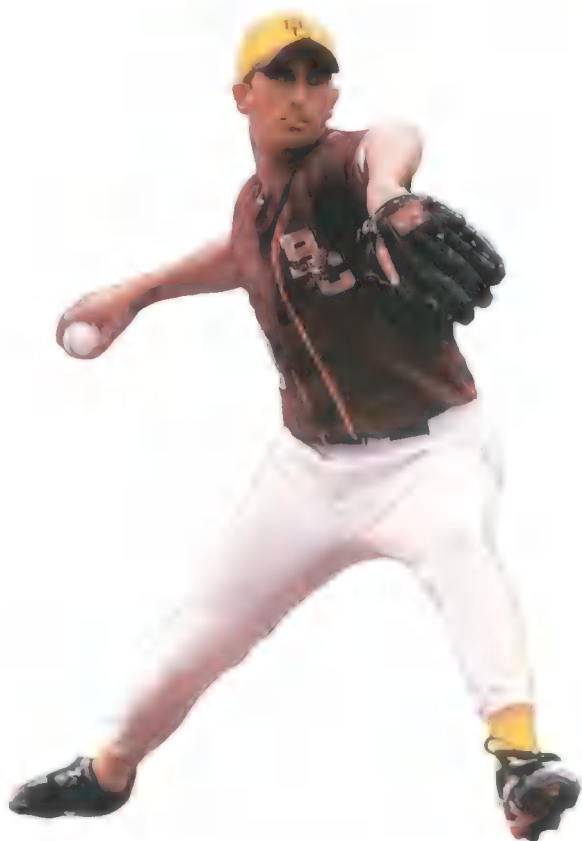
**MATHIAS
KIWANUKA '05**
FOOTBALL

Kiwanuka, one of the great pass rushers in BC history, finished his career with a school-record 37.5 sacks and 65.5 tackles for loss. The defensive end twice led the Big East in sacks, was a 2-time All-American, and was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year in 2004. Kiwanuka, the grandson of Benedicto Kiwanuka, Uganda's first prime minister, was well known for proudly displaying the Ugandan flag in his dorm room.



LUKE KUECHLY '15
FOOTBALL

It was difficult to keep track of all the awards and honors Kuechly collected during his stellar BC career. Twice leading the country in both tackles and solo tackles, he won just about every award there is, including the Bronko Nagurski Trophy, given to the national defensive player of the year, and the Butkus Award, which recognizes the most outstanding linebacker. He was also a 2-time All-American and finished as the ACC's all-time leader in tackles, with 532.



STEVE LANGONE '00

BASEBALL

Whether on the pitching mound or in the batter's box, Langone was a force. As a pitcher, he won 24 games in his BC career, the most in school history, and led college baseball with a 1.54 ERA in his senior season. As a designated hitter and occasional first baseman, meanwhile, the All-American posted a .356 average for the Eagles, 5th all-time, and hit 30 career home runs, 3rd in BC history.



O-LINE U

BC football has a rich tradition of turning out terrific offensive linemen. Here's a look at our very best.



ANTHONY CASTONZO '11

DRAFTED: 1ST ROUND, INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Castonzo was a tackle who started a school-record 54 games for BC, while also majoring in biochemistry and earning a Rhodes Scholar nomination. He recently retired after his 10th NFL season.



BOB HYLAND '67

DRAFTED: 1ST ROUND, GREEN BAY PACKERS

Hyland, a center, was taken with the 9th overall pick in the draft, the highest ever for a BC lineman. He played in 2 Super Bowls during his 11-year NFL career.



PETE KENDALL '95

DRAFTED: 1ST ROUND, SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

A versatile guard from the Boston area who chose BC over Notre Dame, Kendall played for 13 years and 4 teams in his NFL career, starting all but 1 of his 189 games.



DAN KOPPEN '02

DRAFTED: 5TH ROUND, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

Koppen, a center, played for 10 seasons in the NFL, 9 of them with the Patriots, including the Super Bowl-winning teams of 2003 and 2004.



TOM NALEN '93

DRAFTED: 7TH ROUND, DENVER BRONCOS

The center on the 1993 BC team that upset Notre Dame, Nalen had a 14-year NFL career that included 2 Super Bowls, 5 Pro Bowls, and an NFL Lineman of the Year award. Inducted into Broncos' Ring of Fame.



CHRIS SNEE '04

DRAFTED: 2ND ROUND, NEW YORK GIANTS

A guard, Snee started 141 consecutive games for the Giants under former BC Coach Tom Coughlin. He won 2 Super Bowls and was named to 2 Pro Bowls. Inducted into Giants' Ring of Honor.



RON STONE '93

DRAFTED: 4TH ROUND, DALLAS COWBOYS

A little-recruited Boston native, Stone excelled at BC as a tackle and wound up playing for 13 years in the NFL, winning 2 Super Bowls and making 3 Pro Bowls.



DAMIEN WOODY '99

DRAFTED: 1ST ROUND, NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

A center while at BC, Woody played for 12 years and 3 teams in the NFL, winning 2 championships with the Pats. Today he's a popular ESPN analyst.

PETE MITCHELL '94
FOOTBALL

Game in and game out, Mitchell may have been the greatest tight end to ever play for BC, but it was in the big contests that Mr. Clutch really showed his talent. In one of the standout performances in school history, Mitchell set an Eagle record with 13 catches in the 1993 upset of number-1-ranked Notre Dame. He finished his career as an All-American and BC's all-time leader with 190 receptions.



KATIE MOLUMPHY '87
TENNIS

The Big East Athlete of the 1980s for women's tennis, Molumphy constantly adapted her game and excelled at exploiting her opponent's weaknesses. An All-American, she was also the Big East Player of the Year 3 times, and graduated with more than 100 career singles victories and a conference record of 50-2.



BC'S GREATEST SPORTS MOMENTS

They happened in the blink of an eye. Their memory lasts a lifetime.



JANUARY 1, 1941

With 3 minutes remaining in the Sugar Bowl, QB Charlie O'Rourke '41 scampers 24 yards for a touchdown that wins the game against Tennessee and secures BC's claim to a national championship. Returning home, the Eagles are greeted by a jubilant crowd of 100,000.



NOV 23, 1984

Trailing the defending-champion Miami Hurricanes 45-41 with just 6 seconds left, Doug Flutie '85 takes the snap at midfield, scrambles to his right, and launches a Hail Mary that, as time expires, finds Gerard Phelan '85 in the end zone for the winning touchdown.



NOV 20, 1993

David Gordon '94 nails a 41-yard field goal with no time left to give BC a 41-39 win over number-1-ranked Notre Dame. The defeat, in the final game of the season, ends Notre Dame's perfect season and crushes its hopes for a national championship.

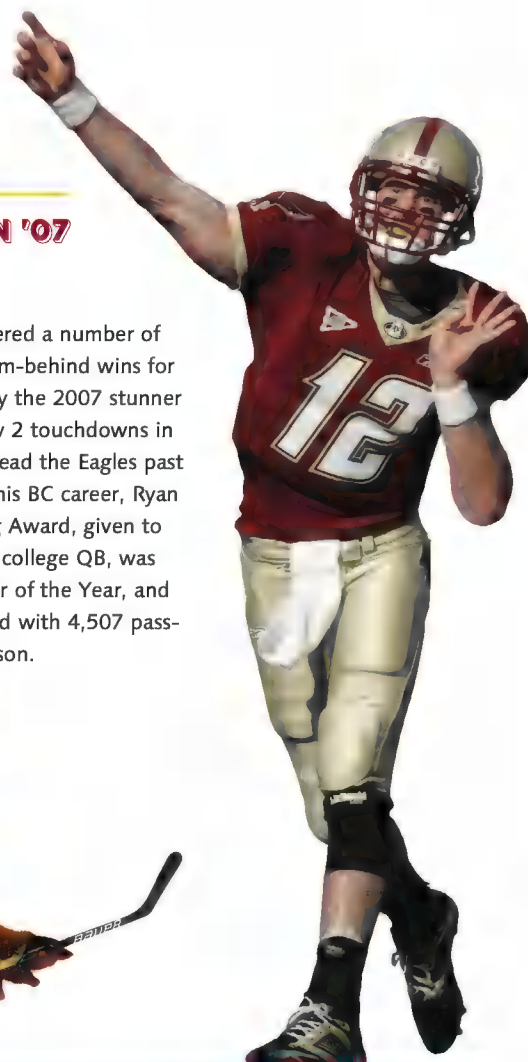


**JOY
RAMSBOTHAM '99**
FIELD HOCKEY

A highly skilled defender with incredible field vision, Ramsbotham was twice named Big East Defensive Player of the Year, yet her explosive shot made her an equally feared offensive player. The 3-time All-American helped the Eagles capture the Big East Tournament championship in 1997 and regular-season title the year after. She also was a member of the U.S. National Team, and finished her BC career with 41 goals and 18 assists.

MATT RYAN '07
FOOTBALL

Matty Ice engineered a number of thrilling come-from-behind wins for BC, most famously the 2007 stunner in which he threw 2 touchdowns in the final 2:11 to lead the Eagles past Virginia Tech. In his BC career, Ryan won the Manning Award, given to the country's top college QB, was named ACC Player of the Year, and set a school record with 4,507 passing yards in a season.



MARCH 20, 1994

BC advances to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA basketball tournament by beating defending-champion and number-1 seed North Carolina 75-72. *Sports Illustrated* runs a memorable "Take That, Tarheels" cover with star BC forward Billy Curley '94.



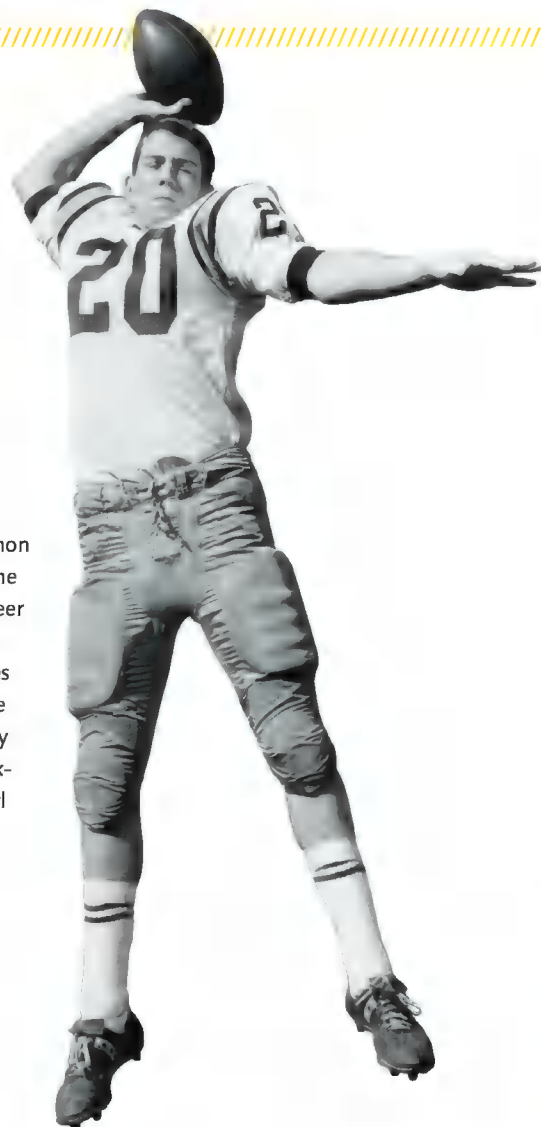
APRIL 7, 2001

After BC squanders a 2-goal lead during regulation play, Krys Kolanos skates around 2 defenders, beats the goalie, and scores at 4:43 of overtime to defeat North Dakota and give the Eagles their first NCAA hockey championship since 1949.



MARCH 8, 2004

BC women's basketball avenges a blowout loss in the previous year's NCAA tournament by upsetting UConn 73-70 in the semifinals of the Big East tournament. The Eagles go on to beat Rutgers and win the Big East tournament title.



JOHN SALMON '69

MULTISPORT

In the conversation as the greatest all-around athlete ever to play at BC, Salmon graduated as the football team's all-time leader in interceptions, had a .350 career batting average while helping lead the baseball team to a College World Series appearance, and even skated for a time for the hockey team. Salmon eventually became a college football official, working major games such as the Rose Bowl and Orange Bowl.



SHANNON SMITH '00

TRACK AND FIELD

When did Smith's coach become convinced that the runner was the most competitive BC athlete he'd ever encountered? When Smith revealed, after becoming the 1st woman in school history to claim an individual NCAA championship by winning the indoor 3,000-meter event, that she'd done it on a broken foot. Smith was also named an All-American in cross-country, outdoor track, and indoor track.



CAROLYN SWORDS '11

BASKETBALL

A center who loved to hustle on the fast break, Swords graduated as BC's all-time leader in rebounds, blocked shots, and field goal percentage, and was only the 2nd Eagle to score more than 2,000 points in a career. She is one of only 2 players to lead the nation in field goal percentage for 3 straight seasons, and was twice named to the All-ACC first team.

WHO WAS NUMBER 26?

These stars just missed making our list of BC's 25 greatest athletes.



WILL BLACKMON '06

FOOTBALL

An extraordinary kickoff returner and fine receiver, Blackmon set the BC records for career and single-season kickoff return yards, and had the 7th-highest number of receptions in a season.



MARY DIETZ '00

SOFTBALL

Dietz was a dominant pitcher who threw the 1st no-hitter in Big East Tournament history, led BC to its 1st championship in the tournament, and was a 3-time All-Big East selection.



BOB DIRKS '09

FIELD HOCKEY

Dirks established BC career records for both goals and points, was a 3-time first-team All-American, and won the ACC Offensive Player of the Year award in her junior season.



ART DONOVAN '50

FOOTBALL

A powerful offensive and defensive tackle at BC, Donovan became a decorated defensive lineman for the NFL's Baltimore Colts, and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.



MIKE HOLOVAK '43

FOOTBALL

An All-American fullback, Holovak carried the ball 10 times in the 1943 Orange Bowl for a staggering 158 yards. He would go on to coach the BC football team before becoming an NFL executive.



BRIAN LEETCH '87

HOCKEY

Had he played more than 1 year at BC, Leetch would likely have made the list of 25. In his short time with the Eagles, he was named to the All-America and All-Hockey East teams.



SEAN MCGOWAN '99

BASEBALL

An All-American, McGowan set BC's career and single-season records for home runs and RBIs, and posted the highest single-season batting average in school history, .402.



KRISTEN MEWIS '13

SOCCER

Mewis, a Hermann Trophy semifinalist, was just the 2nd BC women's player to score 16 goals in a season, and she graduated as the school's all-time leading scorer.



JOE MULLEN '79

HOCKEY

Mullen was an All-American who graduated as the leading scorer in BC history, then went on to become one of the greatest American-born players to ever skate in the NHL.



HOLLY PORTER '97

BASKETBALL

Porter was an All-Big East competitor who finished as BC's all-time leader in rebounds, while averaging 18.1 points per game and leading the team in steals 3 times.



TIM SHEEHY '70

HOCKEY

A 2-time All-American, Sheehy led BC in scoring each year he played, and graduated as the school's career scoring leader.



KELLI STACK '11

HOCKEY

Stack, who twice led the conference in scoring, was named Hockey East Player of the Year 3 times, and was BC's 1st Patty Kazmaier Award finalist.



ERNIE STAUTNER '50

FOOTBALL

Stautner dominated at BC as a 2-way tackle, who also kicked extra points, before embarking on a Hall of Fame NFL career with the Pittsburgh Steelers.





CHRISTINE ANN DENNY can still remember the first time she set foot on the Boston College campus two decades ago. She was a high school senior on a campus tour, and what sticks in her mind to this day is, of all things, a brochure she was given during the tour. In particular, a photograph in the brochure that captured students on the popular spring-break volunteer trip to Appalachia. Denny '05, MS'06, ended up attending BC, earning an undergraduate degree in biology and staying to get her master's in neuroscience. Along the way, she even signed up for the service trip to Appalachia. And, in her memory, it's all intertwined with that seemingly random photo.

THE MEMORY HUNTER

The pioneering research of neuroscientist Christine Ann Denny '05, MS'06, could have life-altering implications for people suffering with everything from Alzheimer's disease to post-traumatic stress disorder.

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renowned researcher and an associate professor at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, she has spent the past fifteen years studying the mechanisms of memory. More precisely, she has made advances, at the molecular level, in uncovering how memories are formed, where in the brain they are stored, and even how they can be triggered and restored. Her work has been nothing short of revolutionary. "Denny and her lab have pioneered a method of being able to turn memories off and on," said Steve Ramirez, a leading neuroscientist and founder of the Ramirez Group at Boston University's Center for Systems Neuroscience, who has coauthored papers with Denny. "It's a huge breakthrough."

Clearly, seeing the picture was a transformative moment in Denny's life, and accordingly, her brain recorded the sights, sensations, and emotions associated with it and stored them in a place reserved for major milestones like her wedding day and the births of her two daughters. Of course, like all of us, Denny can also recall the minutiae of seemingly mundane moments from her past. Conversely, some key details from transformative episodes can elude her. Why does the brain retain certain sights, sounds, and smells and let others fade? Perhaps more important, how? What mechanisms are involved in collecting, keeping, and retrieving past sensations and experiences? How does memory work exactly?

These are some of the questions at the core of Denny's work. A world-

Now Denny has set out to untangle the mysteries of mental ailments that affect millions of people around the world, specifically Alzheimer's disease and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). And in so doing, she is discovering more than just possible remedies for these devastating conditions. Denny may be unlocking the secrets to our very being.

WHY IS THE HUMAN MIND so often described as a mystery? Because scientifically speaking—despite all of our incredible advances—it still very much is one. Here's what we do know: When we learn something, anything from a person's phone number to how to do common core math, neurons in our brains connect to form what are known as synapses—junctions between two nerve cells across which impulses pass. These connections become stronger the more we are exposed to the stimulus (like dialing a familiar phone number or helping our children with math homework), and they tend to weaken when that exposure decreases. That's why students who drill themselves with anatomy flashcards are better able to recite the bones of the human body, and why it's difficult to recall the name of the substitute teacher you had one day in 10th grade.

But how does that work? What are the mechanisms involved? Our brain has 100 billion neurons, each connected to 10,000 other neurons, creating trillions and trillions of possible synapses. How is a single memory formed in that vast electrical storm? How and where is it stored in the brain? And how is it retrieved?

Such questions lead only to deeper inquiry, and to notions previously reserved for science fiction. For instance, if memories could be located in our brains, would that allow for particularly painful or uncomfortable ones to be erased, as in the 2004 film *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*? Could foreign or manufactured memories be implanted in someone's brain, as happens in 2010's *Inception*? Just a decade after that movie's release, Denny has been making strides to someday turn these Hollywood fantasies into reality. Which is fitting, in a way, given that the trajectory of Denny's career is almost cinematic.

When Denny arrived at the Heights, she did not have the benefit of collective memory—she was the first person in her working-class family to go to college. Denny had grown up in New Jersey, where her father drove locomotives for the railroad and her mother was a secretary in the local school system. Denny gravitated toward the sciences, while an ingrained desire to be helpful urged her toward medicine. But first, she needed to get a job during the school year to support herself. And that led her to a meeting with the BC biology professor Thomas N. Seyfried that forever

changed her life. “She came in like a ball of fire from the very beginning,” Seyfried said. “I could see right away that she had a lot of talent and ambition. Most students just go through the motions. Christine went well beyond this.”

In Seyfried's lab, Denny found her path. By the time she was a sophomore, she had turned her focus to biomedical research, with an emphasis on neuroscience and neurodegenerative diseases. Not only was it an area of wide medical interest, but it was also a personal quest for Denny: She, like so many, had family members who suffered from dementia and memory loss. “I had always assumed I'd go to medical school,” she said, “but Seyfried basically told me, ‘You're really good at being a scientist.’ He saw things in me that I didn't see in myself. And he was right.”

Denny was a natural at compiling and evaluating data, and also showed a knack for writing clearly and concisely about her work in grant proposals, presentations, papers, and articles for scholarly journals. She coauthored studies with Seyfried and other accomplished academics. In fact, Seyfried said, Denny was getting published in prominent publications more often than many BC faculty members at that time—and she was doing it as an undergrad. Denny could also spot flaws in other scientists' thinking. Attending meetings and lectures with Seyfried, she would listen to more experienced researchers and quickly discern actual work from the heavy data and dense terminology.

But rather than resent Denny, other students respected her. She looked out for her fellow undergrads, often putting them to work on her experiments in exchange for an author credit on one of her papers. And she was receptive to the help offered by grad students, who seemed drawn to her ability. “People naturally wanted to mentor her,” said Michael Kiebish, who did just that for Denny when he was a biology Ph.D. student at BC in 2002. “When you see that once-in-five-years person, you know you'll get ten times what you put into them.”

After graduating with a degree in biology in 2005, Denny stayed on at BC for a one-year master's program. She worked on prominent studies with Seyfried about such topics as caloric restriction and its effects on motor behavior; therapeutic fasting and its impact on health and longevity; neurochemical, morphological, and neurophysiological abnormalities in the retina; and metabolism imbalance in subjects with Huntington's disease. All of these projects were completed using what would become her favorite collaborators: mice.

Denny spent endless hours working with her furry subjects, mostly on their brains. She designed her own research, built preclinical models, compiled data, and honed her skills with a scalpel, especially in one study on the rodents' eyes. “Getting a retina out of a mouse is

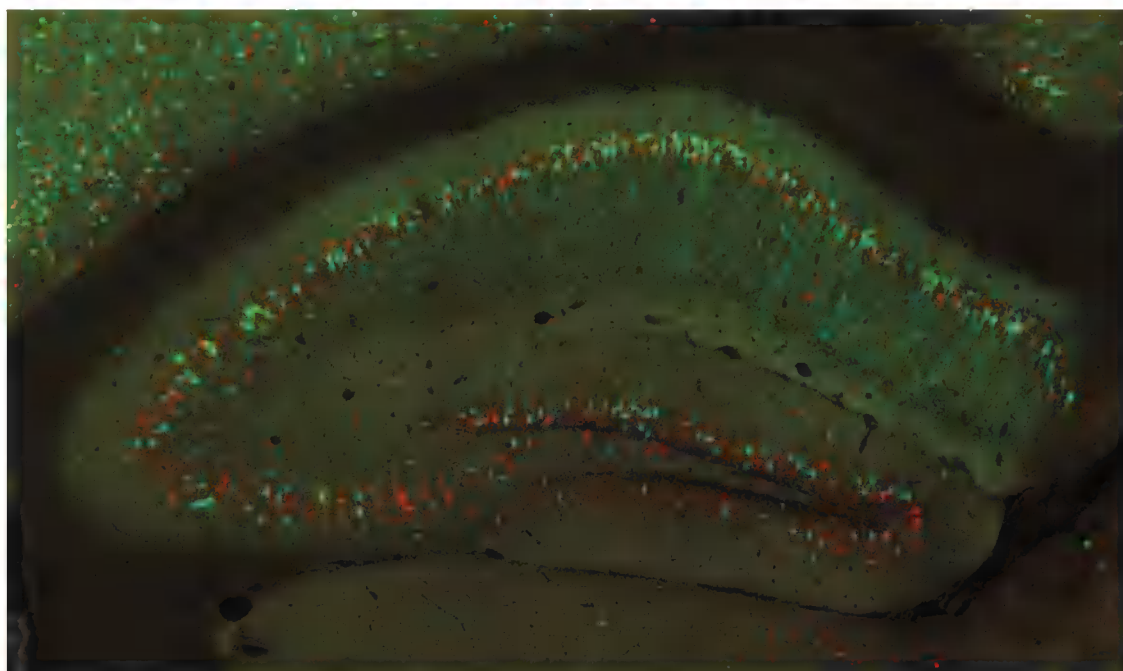
really tough,” Seyfried said. “You have to dissect it under a microscope.”

After earning her master’s in biology in 2006, Denny was accepted the following year into the Ph.D. program at Columbia University. She completed her biological sciences Ph.D. there in 2012, and the following year, she received the National Institutes of Health Director’s Early Independence Award. That allowed her to bypass a postdoctoral fellowship, which helped her start her own lab. She was ready to take her research on the mice’s brains to the next level and delve deeper into the mysteries of the human mind.

TODAY, THE DENNY LABORATORY operates on the seventh floor of Columbia University Irving Medical Center’s Kolb Annex, which is located in the Washington Heights neighborhood of upper Manhattan. Over the past fifteen years, she has genetically engineered a distinct line of mice called ArcCreER^{T2} mice. These creatures look identical to those you find in a pet store, but their brains have been genetically altered in a way that could unlock the big questions of memory. By modifying the mice’s brains with light-sensitive proteins from algae DNA, Denny’s team can tag neurons that



Neuroscientist Christine Ann Denny prepares to conduct an experiment with one of her genetically engineered mice. The tiny fiber optics attached to the mouse’s head allow Denny’s team to shine a laser directly into its brain and switch memories off and on.



This image is of the hippocampus in one of Denny’s genetically engineered mice. It shows the technique she’s developed for tagging the neural cells that build memories in the brain: The green neurons are encoding a fear memory, the red neurons are retrieving that fear memory, and the yellow neurons are where Denny and her team believe the individual memory is located.

encode individual memories with glowing molecules. This enables them to see, under a microscope, which cells were active when a mouse learned something and which cells were active when it remembered something. In addition, once they've labeled a memory, they can switch it off and on with a laser using a technique called optogenetics.

The development of these mice was a scientific feat in itself. And through them, Denny's lab has produced two separate groundbreaking studies that offer clues about where memories live; whether they are ever truly lost or can be somehow recovered; and whether we can tag and block the ones that are painful and destructive.

For instance, on a recent day, a mouse cowered beneath a bright white light shining from the corner of an otherwise empty plexiglass cage. The creature, scared of an environment it had never experienced before, had nowhere to run to, no hole or shadow to hide in. But then, Denny flipped a switch and the mouse suddenly shed all fear. It started moving confidently around the space, feeling comfortable enough to pause and groom itself.

Denny's "switch" turned on a laser that shot through a fiber-optic line gently connected to the top of the mouse's head. The day before, this same mouse had been injected with a drug that, essentially, lit up its neurons as they were activated, enabling Denny to tag the neurons that would store the memory of the experience this mouse was about to have. The mouse was then placed in a comforting habitat, dim and shadowy with plenty of soft, snug places to burrow. It was a pleasant experience, and Denny recorded the memory of it. So, when she flipped her switch as the same mouse cowered in the bright cage, what she was really doing was locating and activating that good memory in the mouse's brain, thereby overriding its fear. "Can you block a memory?" Denny asked. "Can you implant a memory? All of these are interesting questions, but they have important and far-reaching clinical implications."

DENNY'S RESEARCH OPENS UP a universe of possibilities for scientists working to better understand the mechanics of human memory. For now, though, Denny and her team are focusing their efforts on two important fronts: Alzheimer's disease and the dulling, blocking, and even prevention of traumatic memories.

An estimated 5.8 million Americans, including one in ten people 65 and older, currently live with Alzheimer's. For decades, doctors have believed that the disease destroys memory-storing neurons, effectively wiping our memories clean. But Denny's research on her ArcCreER^{T2} mice suggests otherwise. In a 2017 experiment, Denny's team took two groups of mice—one healthy, the other with an Alzheimer's-like disease—and engineered their neurons

to glow yellow. Both sets of mice were given a lemon scent, followed quickly by an electric shock. A week later, the same mice were again given the lemon scent. The healthy creatures understandably braced for the ensuing zap, but those with the disease did so only about half as often, their minds seemingly failing to make the connection. The researchers, observing what was going on inside each mouse's brain, saw neurons glow yellow when the electric-shock memory was stored, and red when the memory was retrieved. In the healthy mice, the yellow and red overlapped, meaning they were pulling the correct memory from the mental shelf. Many of the Alzheimer's mice, however, didn't recall the memory, even though that memory, colored yellow, was still present in their brain. But it was what Denny and her team did next that was truly innovative. The researchers used their laser to reactivate the yellow neurons, causing the diseased mice to remember and brace for the shock.

All of which raises the possibility that Alzheimer's doesn't completely delete memories, but rather interferes with the retrieval process. And if a memory isn't so much lost as it is misplaced or miscategorized, then an entire life-

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time of memories once thought to be ravaged by the disease might actually be salvageable.

Another ongoing area of work coming out of the Denny Lab involves traumatic memories. In one study, Denny gave some of the ArcCreER^{T2} mice ketamine—a prescription anesthetic—and others saline, and then exposed both groups to a series of stressors. The ketamine-dosed mice demonstrated far fewer outward signs of fear, as well as a differential activation of fear-associated neurons. That led Denny and her team to surmise that the drug could be used



to prevent the creation of traumatic memories or even to lessen the severity of existing fear memories—the latter finding a potential salve for PTSD patients and other people dealing with stress-induced disorders. “This research could have huge implications,” said Kiebish, Denny’s one-time mentor at BC who is now chief precision medicine officer at the biotech firm BERG, and has been a coauthor on some of Denny’s ketamine studies. The anesthetic “seems to have a very strong effect on post-traumatic stress if given prophylactically. And we’re talking about hundreds of millions of people around the world affected by PTSD and anxiety. It’s really inventive research.”

Steven A. Siegelbaum, chair of the neuroscience department at Columbia University, agrees. “She’s provided a new way of thinking about PTSD,” he said of Denny. “She’s provided a clue as to what goes wrong when you generalize fearful experiences and opened up a whole range of ways of identifying which neurons are important for which particular functions. She’s dissecting it at a cell-by-cell level: Which cells are important for particular behavior? Which might be altered in disease?”

AS EXCITING AS DENNY’S experiments are, there’s a big difference between working with a mouse and a person.

While using optogenetics on human subjects is still probably in the distant future, what Denny and her team have uncovered in just over a decade is helping us better understand how our minds function. In the near term, she’s looking at whether memory types are grouped together in the brain. In other words, are all negative memories stored in one area, and all positive ones in another? And she’s received another grant from the NIH to tackle a new Alzheimer’s project. By observing how mice behave at different times of day, Denny will explore the neural groupings that might impact agitation and increased anxiety in patients during the evening hours, otherwise known as sundowning.

Meanwhile, there is optimism about Denny’s research into whether ketamine and similar drugs could block traumatic memories and prevent or ease PTSD. Many scientists and developers are expanding on Denny’s work to find resilience-enhancing drugs that could help everyone from military troops in combat to women suffering from postpartum depression.

One day, Denny hopes, another researcher might build on her mouse model to develop a prophylactic for physical as well as emotional pain. “The beauty of the work she’s doing is that it is both invasive and noninvasive,” said Ramirez, the BU neuroscientist. “Right now, the drugs we use to treat mental disorders flood the entire brain, but she is developing more targeted approaches. Perhaps in the future we’ll be able to inject a drug that crosses the blood/brain barrier or even use deep brain stimulation. She’s helping us pin down the mechanisms of the memory—and it’s a promising avenue.”

And that might be Denny’s most important legacy—mapping the human mind and our memory to help us not only understand how to block and retrieve memories, but also to learn why and how we remember. In a sense, it’s the study of who we are. “When someone loses their memory, they lose themselves,” Denny said. “There’s so much we don’t know about it. Your memory is basically you—who you are as a soul. Your memories give meaning to your life.” ■

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS

A shocking number of people in this country are wrongly convicted of serious crimes and sent away for life. The Boston College Innocence Program has helped to win the release of four of them in just the past two years.

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WHEN FIREFIGHTERS ARRIVED at 102 Belair Street in Brockton, Massachusetts, in the predawn hours of April 17, 2003, they observed two teenagers poking their heads out of second-floor windows. One of the teens was 17-year-old Frances Choy, who, awakened by her mother's scream of "Frances, there's a fire!" had called 911 on her cell phone. The other was Kenneth Choy, Frances's 16-year-old nephew. Inside the house, a fire was burning with such intensity that it had melted wall fixtures, and thick smoke had trapped Frances, Kenneth, and Frances's parents—Jimmy and Anne Choy—in their bedrooms.

Anne Choy would be pronounced dead later that morning at Good Samaritan Hospital, but as a headline in the next day's *Boston Globe* made clear, things could have been much worse: "Police Say Teen's Call about Fire Saved Three Lives." (Jimmy Choy would eventually also die as a result of the fire.) On the day after that, however, a different narrative began to emerge. The Plymouth County District Attorney's Office alleged that Frances and Kenneth had actually been the ones who started the fire, conspiring to murder the elder Choy's by burning down the house.

Kenneth Choy had come from Hong Kong to live with the Choy's when he was 13, following the suicide of his father, who was Jimmy's son. After the fire, investigators searched his bedroom and found instructions he'd written about how to burn down the house, including dousing areas of it with gasoline. But he told police that it was Frances who was behind the fire, because she "wanted better parents." He claimed that his aunt had grown exasperated with his refusals to set the blaze, so had done it herself. Both teenagers were ultimately charged with two counts of first-degree murder.

Frances, a quiet and gentle rule-follower who'd never been in trouble and was working her way toward college, was a most unlikely suspect. Yet prosecutors built their case around the idea that she was actually a cold and manipulative mastermind who'd orchestrated the plot to kill her parents. At two different trials, the prosecution was unable to convince deadlocked juries of Frances's guilt, but the third time was the charm. In 2011, eight years after the fire, a jury found her guilty. She was given a mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole. But here's the thing: She was innocent.

In Massachusetts, a first-degree murder conviction triggers an automatic appeal to the Supreme Judicial Court. Any appeal is an uphill climb, a long and complicated

process with a narrow chance of success. An appeal of a murder conviction is an uphill climb into hurricane headwinds. This is true regardless of whether the defendant happens to have been wrongfully convicted. In Frances's case, there were transcripts from her three trials to pore over, police and fire investigation reports, state police crime lab reports, photographs, and witness interviews. The task of gathering and sifting through all of this for Frances's appeal fell to the Boston attorney John J. Barter, a solo practitioner working out of a four-story brick-and-stone building in the North End, whom the court appointed to the case. As Barter continued to examine the files, it became clear to him that Frances had been scapegoated. That she was, in fact, not guilty. To help prove that in a court of law, Barter eventually sought the help of the Boston College Innocence Program.

SINCE 1989, MORE THAN 2,700 PEOPLE in the country have been exonerated after being wrongfully convicted of felony crimes—an average of nearly 90 a year. Collectively, they served more than 24,600 years in prison. These are just the cases that we know about, the ones that garnered headlines and TV news coverage of exonerees who, after spending decades behind bars, walked through prison gates and collapsed into the arms of loved ones.

But for every high-profile exoneration, there is an unknowable number of other wrongful convictions. It's a dark parlor game to speculate how many of our nation's 2.3 million incarcerated citizens might actually be there for



AT LEFT: Frances Choy in the hours after a fire that killed both of her parents. Though innocent, Choy was wrongfully convicted of murder and arson and spent seventeen years in prison. BELOW: Kenneth Choy, Frances's nephew, was also charged with murder.



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a crime they didn't commit. Charlotte Whitmore, the BC Innocence Program's supervising attorney, gets this question from time to time. "I think we have a pretty good justice system," she'll say. "It's not perfect, but we probably get serious felony convictions right about 95 percent of the time." Impressive, maybe, but as Whitmore will add, "If planes crash 5 percent of the time, would you get on one? If a surgeon killed 5 percent of his patients, would you go to him?"

To address this massive problem, more than fifty organizations around the country, collectively known as the Innocence Network, work to identify wrongly convicted inmates and free them. Some, such as BC's Innocence Program, known as the BCIP, are affiliated with universities, but most are freestanding nonprofits or units within public defender offices with a mission to provide free representation to prisoners with plausible claims of innocence.

The BCIP was launched in 2006 by BC Law Professor Sharon Beckman. After several years of steady progress, the program took off in 2013, when Beckman received an unexpected gift from a New York securities lawyer who asked a judge to send some unclaimed funds from a settlement her way. Beckman used the gift to hire Whitmore to help establish a clinic in which a small group of law students would work on cases, the legal equivalent of a teaching hospital where medical students tend to patients under the supervision of physicians.

Today, at any given time, the BCIP is representing about a dozen inmates in innocence cases. Sometimes the program acts as a client's only counsel, and sometimes it acts as co-counsel with court-appointed attorneys or with the two other Massachusetts-based Innocence Network organizations, the New England Innocence Project and the Committee for Public Counsel Service (CPCS) Innocence Program. In just the past two years, the BCIP has secured the release of four clients from wrongful imprisonment.

Law students enrolled in the BCIP immerse themselves in the details of their clients' cases. Sarah Carlow, for instance, was just starting her second year at the Law School, in 2018, when she was assigned to work on Frances Choy's case. By then, Choy had served almost fifteen years in connection with the death of her parents. Carlow recalls how her work for the BCIP sent her to the women's state prison in Framingham to meet Frances for the first time.

While incarcerated, Frances had earned a sociology degree. She'd passed a cosmetology exam, worked as a sous-chef, and spent five years training service dogs, raising Labs from puppies. "As soon as I met her, I was, like, I want to be involved with this for the long haul until I can see her walk out of prison," Carlow said.

IN THE HOURS AFTER THE FIRE, investigators questioned both Frances and Kenneth at the Brockton hospital where they were treated for smoke inhalation. That evening, police then questioned the two surviving Choyes yet again, this time at police headquarters. No audio or video recordings were made of the interrogations. This, a Brockton police detective would later testify, was because the station wasn't equipped to record interviews. Officers would also testify that they'd destroyed their notes after preparing their typed reports.

Over the course of a three-hour interrogation, Frances told police that she had been awakened by her mother's screams, and so called 911. The investigators told Frances that gasoline had been found on her sweatpants and asked how it had gotten there. She insisted she did not know that or how the fire had begun.

Meanwhile, in a separate room, detectives questioned Kenneth Choy. Investigators had found two notes under his bed after the fire—notes that detailed plans to burn down the house, including dousing the floor with gasoline—but Kenneth insisted he was not the author. When police said the handwriting matched his own, Kenneth relented and said a "Black kid" at school had made him write the notes. He could not name the student. After police expressed their doubts, he acknowledged that the notes were his. When police suggested he did not act alone, he claimed that Frances had directed him to write the notes, and that the fire had been her idea.

The detectives then confronted Frances with her nephew's accusation, but she continued to deny having anything to do with the fire. Only after hours of interrogation, when police said they were about to arrest her, a detective would testify at her trial, did Frances change her story. "Fine, I planned it," she said, according to the detective's testi-

mony. She immediately recanted, he acknowledged, but she was charged and booked, handcuffed to a railing, and photographed.

Frances wouldn't stand trial until 2008, five years after the fire, and, having been denied bail, would spend the entire time in jail. When her case finally made it to trial, a canine officer testified that his dog had "alerted" to accelerant on her sweatpants. A state police chemist testified to the presence of gasoline residue on the sweatpants. But the twelve jurors couldn't agree on a verdict and a mistrial was declared.

In a separate trial that same year, Kenneth Choy was acquitted of murder, his lawyer arguing to the jury that the fire had been Frances's idea, and that she had started it. Kenneth was a free man.

Frances was tried for a second time in 2011, and this time a new witness testified against her: Kenneth. Though her nephew had been acquitted of murder charges, prosecutors still had it within their power to charge him with arson or conspiracy to commit murder. However, they gave him immunity in exchange for his testimony against Frances. Yes, he told jurors, he had written the notes, but he never had any intention of starting the fire. Yes, he testified, he had placed two Sprite bottles filled with gasoline on the basement stairs, but he insisted that he'd simply left them there. He testified that he was in his room with the door shut when he heard a liquid being poured out and then a "whoosh" sound. Despite Kenneth's testimony, however, the jury once again was deadlocked.

Prosecutors chose to try Frances for a third time, with her new trial beginning a few months later. This time, however, there'd be no Kenneth Choy to testify. Facing heroin charges, he'd fled the country, leaving prosecutors without their star witness. No matter: Using Kenneth's testimony from the previous trial, prosecutors were allowed to "role-play" his answers from the witness stand. If that sounds bizarre to you—a prosecutor acting out testimony from a previous trial—you're not alone. Carlow, the law student, was assigned to look for any precedents. She found one similar instance, but the resulting conviction had been thrown out on appeal.



BC Law Professor Sharon Beckman started the Boston College Innocence Program in 2006.

"How can this possibly be consistent with the right to confront your accuser?" Beckman said. "This is not just any old witness. It's the initial suspect—the incentivized codefendant who's immunized, the only person who's accusing Frances Choy, the only one who's saying he ever saw her do anything incriminating. Falsely, of course. And this is the testimony that's presented in a role-play. That's a major judicial error, the type that causes wrongful convictions."

Kenneth Choy's dramatic testimony about a couch and stairs doused with gasoline was contradicted by the state's fire investigator, who testified there was no trace of gasoline on either, and that no accelerant was involved starting or spreading the fire. Nonetheless, on May 16, 2011, the jury found Frances guilty of murder and arson. She was sentenced to life in prison.

SHARON BECKMAN GREW UP IN ILLINOIS, the daughter of a plumber and a stay-at-home mom, and her childhood was the kind that politicians evoke when they want to harken back to simpler times. Beckman's passion was competitive swimming (she would one day swim nonstop across the English Channel), and as a young girl she believed that being a swim coach was her calling. But after reading *To Kill a Mockingbird*—the American classic of a small-town attorney in Alabama who represents a Black man wrongly accused of rape—her life was on a different trajectory. She would be a criminal defense attorney. The book was a “complete moral awakening for me of the realities of life in America,” Beckman said. “The idea that an innocent person could be wrongly convicted and sentenced to death because of the color of his skin literally shocked me to my core. It was not a thing I had ever thought about before. That was my white privilege.”

After graduating from Harvard in 1980, Beckman worked as a paralegal for a time in Boston, then attended the University of Michigan Law School. After clerking for Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor and working at law firms in Boston and Chicago, she joined the Boston College Law faculty in 1995. It was a time when America's innocence movement was just beginning, driven in part by the emergence of DNA analysis, which led to several high-profile exonerations of wrongfully convicted prisoners. The escalating number of exonerations led many who worked in the criminal justice system to begin to question its fundamental fairness. “If you asked me in the late '80s or early '90s if I thought there were thousands of people in prison wrongly convicted of crimes they didn't commit, I wouldn't have been able to tell you that,” Beckman said. “Now I think the thousands we know about are just the tip of the iceberg.”

When Beckman launched the BCIP in 2006, she started modestly, having law students screen cases for the New England Innocence Project. The

students would review transcripts and case files, search for physical evidence and witnesses, and research the validity of forensic testimony, then make a recommendation as to whether the NEIP should accept the case. The arrangement was educational, but limiting. “We'd determine the investigative pathways and then the case would be sent to a law firm, and that would be the end of the students' role in the case,” Beckman recalled. “I always wished we could have an in-house innocence clinic at BC Law.” Then, in 2013, the gift from the New York securities lawyer, Greg Keller, helped Beckman turn her wish into a reality.

As luck would have it, Charlotte Whitmore moved to Boston right around the time of Keller's gift. Whitmore had spent the prior three years as the staff attorney at the Pennsylvania Innocence Project. When she'd started there, in 2010, the organization's legal director—and the only other attorney on staff—led her into a room filled with 100 or so large boxes, each containing the files of someone in prison claiming to be innocent. “Start reading,” the legal director said. It took Whitmore a month to skim the files. “I pulled up three cases at the end of that month that I wanted to start with,” she recalled. “Something in them caught my eye, a red flag.” All three of those people have since been exonerated. The first to be released, Eugene

Gilyard, had been wrongfully convicted of murder and spent fifteen years in prison. Whitmore worked on his case for three years before he was finally freed, in 2013. “When the judge announced her decision, the courtroom erupted, like out of the movies,” she said. “Everyone was crying and hugging. It was a really moving moment.” Innocence work was the only law she wanted to practice.

“She's one of the best post-conviction innocence attorneys in the country,” Beckman said. And with the gift from Keller and a grant from the provost's office, she was able to bring her to the BCIP. Together, they have transformed the program.

Today, the BCIP represents its clients from start



BCIP supervising attorney Charlotte Whitmore.

“The prosecution portrayed Frances as a manipulative schemer capable of murdering her parents. They dehumanized her and sold their anti-Asian stereotype to the jury.”

to finish. It has also expanded its mission to include policy and social-services work in the service of exonerees. “We want to reform the system to make it less biased, more fair, more accurate,” Beckman said.

In 2018, the BCIP was part of a coalition that helped to change Massachusetts law to double the maximum amount of compensation available to exonerees, from \$500,000 to \$1 million, and to stipulate that attorney fees incurred while pursuing a wrongful-conviction claim are not taken out of that compensation. More changes to the law are needed, Beckman said. For instance, when an exoneree is released from prison, there are no support mechanisms in place to ensure a smooth reentry into society. Prisoners released on parole or probation are typically set up with case workers and a social-services network, Beckman pointed out, but exonerees—people who are not guilty of any crime—are essentially on their own. Many are released to supportive families and friends. But others are not. “The state provides nothing to them,” she said. “No place to live, no transportation, nothing. That is a major gap in the law.” So the BCIP is working with state Senator Patricia Jehlen and others on legislation that would provide immediate reentry support for the wrongly convicted.

Meanwhile, the BCIP has created a social-services network of its own for the program’s clients. Law School Assistant Clinical Professor Claire Donohue JD’05, MSW’05 supervises graduate students, primarily from the School of Social Work but also from the Connell School of Nursing and the Lynch School of Education and Human Development, who work on setting up reentry plans for program clients. “We start by asking: Do you have housing security, food stability, are you medically sound and safe?” Donohue said. “Then we go to the second-order needs: Are mental health counseling or substance abuse counseling required? And then third-order: Do you aspire to further education or vocational training?” These plans can also be persuasive when judges are considering whether to release likely exonerees early while their cases are being officially resolved, Beckman said.

Beckman also sits on an SJC committee that reviews jury instructions in Massachusetts to ensure that they reflect the scientific consensus—a crucial step in helping to reduce biases that could affect a jury’s ability to return an accurate

verdict. In 2015, for instance, the BCIP—working with BC’s psychology department—scientifically demonstrated the limits of human memory, which contributed to the court’s decision to create a model jury instruction in cases involving eyewitness identification testimony. The program is also part of a working group that is recommending best practices for helping district attorney offices to avoid wrongful convictions, and to recognize, acknowledge, and remedy them when they do happen. The report is scheduled to go before the Massachusetts Bar Association for approval this spring.

AFTER FRANCES CHOY WAS CONVICTED in 2011, the court appointed her case to John Barter for appeal. For help, he turned to a friend and colleague, Sharon Beckman. “I’m representing a client who’s innocent,” he told her. Beckman and Whitmore reviewed the case and promptly agreed to join as co-counsel in 2017. (The BCIP is very selective about the cases it accepts. Whitmore estimated that it declines more than 90 percent of the time.)

In trying to prove a client’s innocence, it’s not necessary to identify someone else as the actual perpetrator. But it helps. In the case of Frances Choy, the defense team was able to track down a new witness who’d been overlooked by the trial attorney. And this person made an earth-shaking claim—that Kenneth Choy had admitted to the witness that he was the one who’d set the fire that killed Jimmy and Anne Choy. According to the witness, Kenneth said that he and his mother (who lived in Hong Kong) were “mad at the Choyes because they kept asking for more money.”

The investigation by Barter and the BCIP turned up more. One of the key arguments Plymouth County prosecutors had made to implicate Frances was that gasoline had been found on her sweatpants. But Frances’s team found an expert who said that the state’s lab tests had actually *not* shown evidence of gasoline. And the insistence by police officers that their interrogation rooms were not set up to record interviews? The attorneys and law students found a former Brockton police detective who swore otherwise. There was still more. Frances’s team was at last able to get the prosecutors’ entire case file, including material that hadn’t been given to Frances’s original attorney.

Among the bombshell finds in the file was an email that Assistant District Attorney Karen O'Sullivan had sent to a detective the night before he was to testify in Frances's third trial. In the email, O'Sullivan included a script of what the detective should say on the stand, including testimony he had previously sworn under oath was not correct. Also in the file were handwritten notes from the detective's interview with Frances—notes that the detective had previously testified were destroyed. Then there were the police reports from before the fire in which Jimmy Choy had gone to the authorities with his suspicions that Kenneth had been dealing drugs, information that might have more firmly established a motive for the boy to have set the fire.

But the most staggering disclosure came not from physical evidence or testimony from new witnesses, but from emails that Barter had fought for five years to get Plymouth County prosecutors to release. The emails, spanning the years 2006 to 2009, were between O'Sullivan and John Bradley, the two Plymouth County assistant district attorneys involved in prosecuting Frances Choy. In a motion filed in January 2020, Barter and the BCIP characterized the communications this way:

"These emails included 'jokes' about Asian people, photographs depicting Asian people in a demeaning way, and commentary specifically about Frances, alleging that she was engaged in an incestuous relationship with her nephew and mocking her." In one of the emails, drawing upon the fact that Frances's extended family, united in their support for her, typically sat in the rear of the courtroom during hearings, the prosecutors sneered that, at an upcoming proceeding, she would be "wearing a cheongsam and will be the one doing origami in the back of the courtroom." In another, Frances's face was Photoshopped onto the body of a Girl Scout standing in front of a burning house. "Next time," read the caption, "buy the [expletive] cookies." The racial bias explicit in the trial prosecutors' emails, the defense team argued, amounted to "structural constitutional error" that, by itself, demanded a reversal of the convictions.

Judge Linda Giles, who'd presided over the third trial, in which Frances was convicted, was appalled. Had she known about the emails, she wrote, she would have declared a mistrial and ordered that the prosecutors be removed from

the case. Giles found that the newly discovered evidence of Frances's innocence, mistakes by Frances's trial counsel, and the evidence of prosecutorial and police misconduct all cast doubt on the integrity of the convictions. Last April, she ordered Frances released until her motion for a new trial could be ruled on. Then, in September, she ruled that "justice may not have been done" and vacated Frances's convictions. The Plymouth County District Attorney's Office, which called the emails "reprehensible," agreed that the convictions should be vacated and declined to pursue a fourth trial. Frances was exonerated on September 29, 2020, joining

Omar Martinez, Ronnie Qualls, and later Thomas Rosa Jr. as wrongfully convicted BCIP clients who have been released in the past two years. Barter said the BCIP's work was crucial to the case's outcome. "I cannot fully express my gratitude for all the ways BCIP helped Frances," he said, "including investigation, formulation and drafting of legal arguments, pursuing discovery, and supporting Frances during her reentry to life outside of the prison walls."

Karen O'Sullivan quit the Plymouth County office in 2012 and is now the first assistant district attorney in Bristol County. John Bradley was fired in 2013. The emails they exchanged may help to explain why Frances was

exonerated, but to Beckman they demonstrate why she was wrongly convicted in the first place. "The dehumanizing racial stereotypes in their emails became their theory of the case," Beckman said. "Frances had never committed a crime and had no history of any mental health or behavioral issues. But the prosecution portrayed her as an emotionless, manipulative schemer capable of murdering her parents by arson. They dehumanized her and sold their anti-Asian stereotype to the jury."

Today, Frances has a job and lives with relatives. Her parents and seventeen years of her life were both wrongfully, inexcusably, taken from her, yet her focus remains on what is still to come. "My greatest challenge is coming out here and my parents not being out here," she said at a recent BCIP event. "That was the hardest thing for me. Everything out here reminds me of them. But with my family's support and with my friends', I try to stay strong and I try to live my life in honoring them, and to be positive and to be the best that I can be because I know that's what they want from me." ■



Frances Choy, left, visits with BCIP founder and director Sharon Beckman. The BCIP helped win Choy's freedom after she spent seventeen years in prison for a crime she didn't commit.

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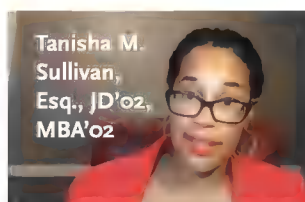
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Correction: In the fall issue of our *Alumni News and Notes* section, Michael Rodriguez, MS'15, was mistakenly listed as residing in Buffalo, New York. He is currently residing in Boston, Massachusetts.

1954

As I write this column, I am looking out at a lovely fall day after the only beneficial rain we have had in months. It has been a beautiful summer and fall, and I hope you have enjoyed them as I have. • I recently spoke with **Mary Elizabeth Brennan Shea**, MS'59. She tells me she is still living in her home of more than 60 years and remains active with several organizations in Salem. They include the Salem Garden Club and the Explorers Lifelong Learning Institute at Salem State University. • I talked with **Frank Cruise** in October. He and Pat are doing well and are living in a retirement-care community. Frank and I came from Somerville. In the summer before starting at Boston College, we worked in the public library book bindery. Although not on active duty, Frank is still a true Marine. I also enjoyed talking with Pat. Pat knew my mother and sister, Anne, and each time we talk, she recalls fond memories of those relationships. • As time goes on, we have become fewer and fewer. It is becoming difficult to find content for this column. It would help if you were to contact the Alumni Association or me directly at 508-755-3615 with a bit of news. Best wishes for the New Year.

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NC 1954

Jim and I had a busy summer. After 55 years in Wilmette, Illinois, we moved about five miles west to Glenview. We unpacked many boxes, and now we live in a one-story ranch house with an attached garage—life is easier. • **Mary Evans Bapst**, in an email from Geneva, Switzerland, wondered if she could celebrate turning 90 twice. She had some health issues, but after medical care she is much better and feels a year younger. I quote her closing sentences: "It has been a weird year. We are all learning more about essentials and priorities, how to show our love without embracing, and allowing our faith and religious convictions to find new ways of living *Caritas Christi urget nos*. May he be with us as we progress on this strange road." • I hope for more news in the next issue; please keep in touch. Stay safe and well.

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1956

65TH REUNION

June 2021

Charlie Laverty, a partner in Maine Hospitality Suites and Laverty Lohnes Properties, opened a new Hampton Inn in the heart of Historic Salem (11 Dodge Street) on September 30, 2020. The complex includes 113 rooms, an indoor pool, a large fitness area, 56 apartments, retail space, and ample parking.

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NC 1956

65TH REUNION

June 2021

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1957

I received a note from **Paul Daly** reporting that a few members of our great Class of '57 got together for a golf outing in Plymouth. Classmates playing were **Paul McAdams**, **Jim Connolly**, **Dave McAvoy**, **Ed Murphy**, **Bill MacKenzie**, **Jim Devlin**, and **Paul Daly**. The note also indicated that all players broke the course record. **Bill Cunningham** and **Ed Brickley** contributed as designated putters. Paul also mentioned that his brother and our classmate, **Jim Daly**, is recovering from recent surgery. Our best to you, Jim, get well. • I'm sure that many of you have some interesting tales to tell about your experiences with this terrible COVID-19 virus. My wife, Ellen, and I were pretty much isolated in quarantine here at Linden Ponds for three months. The care received was excellent and resulted in a minimum number of cases. Hopefully, the end is in sight, and you all will remain healthy and enjoy future alumni events.

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NC 1957

The news is slim this season as our lives slim down so unexpectedly in this era of the coronavirus. Unfortunately, most celebrations, travel, and gatherings have been delayed or canceled for all of us.

• But **Ellie Pope Clem** was the first to come through, with news of the birth of a new grandchild (one thing that can't be postponed!) and plans for a family wedding in January 2021, details of which are still in flux. Meanwhile, Dave and Ellie are in comfort and safety at the Colonnades in Charlottesville, Virginia. As restrictions on outside events loosened up, they were able to attend concerts of their son Michael while the warm weather held but will soon revert to online listening. • **Liz Doyle Eckl** reports some changes in her life, including the postponement of her first grandchild's wedding and the long-awaited visit of her oldest son. She stays busy decluttering her house (an ongoing process for all of

us), reading, and doing many activities on Zoom. Liz has been in touch with **Margy Craig Sheehy**, who has moved back to DC after many years in her Montessori teaching career in California. • **Kate McCann Benson** writes from her community in Hanover, New Hampshire, her wishes for good health for all. She recalls such wonderful memories of our years together. • **I (Connie Weldon LeMaitre)** was delighted to receive a phone call from **Barbara Lowe Eckel**, MSW'59, in Atlanta. We had so much to catch up on since our days as freshman roommates (along with **Mary Leigh Madden**) in Stuart Hall, directly across the hall from Mother White, whose door read "WARDEN." You can imagine my terror of this flying nun (who turned out to be so loving and supportive); this was my first introduction to and venture in a Catholic institution. We roommates were a diverse trio who quickly learned to adapt to each other's backgrounds and live in small quarters (remember those narrow beds and small desks). It was Barbara's first time away from her home in Jamaica, and I am sure I didn't empathize enough with her adjustment and homesick moments. I have hence apologized for being such a selfish 17-year-old, but gracious Barbara said she didn't notice! I do urge you all to stay in touch with your old friends from a simpler and youthful time. It is so rewarding. • If you need the contact info of old friends, let me know as I have some addresses and phone numbers of NC'57 classmates. Call me: 978-258-3288.

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1958

Kudos and thanks to **Joan Downing Lachance** for her efforts these past years in compiling our class notes after she replaced **Dave Rafferty** as class correspondent. You served us well, Joan. Now it's up to us, classmates, to fill the notes column. If you are like me, when *Boston College Magazine* arrives, you turn first to the class notes for 1958 before you read the articles. But without contributions from you, our column will deteriorate into nothing more than my contact info. Can you take five minutes to email a snippet of your life in these maroon and golden years—just so we know you are "still kicking"? Are you a great-grandparent? Anyone a great-great-grandparent? Do you have a grandchild at BC? Still traveling? Are you a snowbird? • **John Theall** checked in with news that he is keeping in shape playing tennis. John and Evie's granddaughter Cameron Elders is a senior at BC. Another granddaughter, Katie Elders, is a sophomore and varsity lacrosse player at Dartmouth. • Grace and **Bob Taggart** celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary in October. They raised 7 children and have 12 grandchildren. Bob was a member of the BC varsity baseball team and sends greetings to his teammates. • Thomas Hassey '88 notified us of the death of his father, **Tom Hassey**, in May and said how proud Tom was of his BC

heritage: "I think his blood was maroon and gold." Tom was an active member of our board over the years and a fixture at many reunions. • We enjoyed our final luncheon at the Wianno Club in Osterville on Cape Cod in August 2019. Elaine Gilmore, who was at Wianno when **Ed Gilmore** launched the first event, was there to close it out. Thanks go to **Barbara Cuneo O'Connell**, **Pat Brine O'Riordan**, and the late **Dottie Sollitto Hiltz**, who took over hosting from Ed. It was great to see at the Wianno Club **Peg Quinn**, **Joe Cavanaugh** and **Barbara Hermberg**, **Lavinia** and **Joe Giardina**, **Gail** and **Bill Sweeney**, **Kenneth Joyce**, **Marian Bernardini DeLollis**, **Virginia DeGenova**, and **Joyce Ryder Rizzuto**. • Thanks to **Bea Capraro Busa**, who is again hosting the Naples, Florida, luncheon around St. Patrick's Day 2021. If you're interested in attending, contact Bea at bcbusa58@bc.edu. FYI: For those of us born in the late 1930s, life expectancy for men was 58 years; for women, 62 years. *Carpe diem!*

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NC 1958

Mary Azzara Archdeacon begins: "Dear friend, aren't we lucky we're still corresponding!" She will be celebrating her 84th birthday with her sister Joan and **Mary Keating McKell** at the Three Village Inn in Stony Brook, New York. She and dear friends say the rosary every Tuesday and Thursday, via Zoom, for her daughter Vickie, who is battling cancer. • **Sheila Quinlan Brown** writes from Vashon Island off the coast of Seattle that she is in good health. Several months ago, Brian, her husband of 58 years, died at home. Sheila is grateful she could care for him with the help of hospice. Her four children live nearby. The youngest often travels to Mexico. • **Julie Saver Reusch** expresses dismay that the lockdown has denied her the joy of hugging loved ones, but her good news is that she will be a great-grandmother again to a baby boy, the grandson of Joshua's son. • **Anne Defazio Berra** writes she connects by calling old friends. She stays busy gardening, reading, and keeping tabs on **Margie George Vis**. Margie's broken left femur has healed, but she has also undergone quadruple heart bypass surgery and hip replacement revision surgery. Her 2020 travels were curtailed, but she was able to make three week-long visits to the George family cottage in Wisconsin with her sister Sue and her brother Steve and his wife, Charlotte. She has been blessed with the loving care of her eldest daughter, Elle. • **Jo Kirk Cleary** enjoyed a good summer on the Cape. Her two brothers, their wives, and she and husband Billy had several picnic-style sunset dinners on the beach while observing the negative effects the California wildfires had on the sunsets on the Cape. Returning to Auburndale, they had to contend with an old copper beech tree that had fallen on their garage in August. Her good news is that Billy has fully recuperated from his bypass surgery and is back to golf and walking—but no more ice cream. •

Sheila Hurley Canty enjoyed visiting family and friends at their house on the Cape. While not able to hug her grandchildren, she was blessed by the presence of her sister Kay, who moved from Maryland to Massachusetts in June. **Peg Keane Timpson** '76, is well in Manchester, enjoying long walks on the beach, a little golf, online bridge, and some social-distance gatherings with family and friends. She misses her volunteer work at the Peabody Essex Museum. • **Judith Young Runnette** has been following the pandemic rules by reading digital books from the library, playing online bridge, and knitting, which she took up in January. • **Maureen O'Donnell Kent** sends best wishes to all and hopes to get south this winter. • I have been in contact with **Kate Glutting Arcand**, who experienced a serious fall resulting in a hospital stay and a move to an assisted living facility, Osher Inn at the Cedars, in Portland, Maine. She is in good spirits and welcomes visits with grandchildren. • The **Schorr** family is well in New Jersey, trying to adjust to the fact that we must follow Army football via TV instead of in the stadium. I am working hard at recovering from colorectal surgery by walking 10,000 steps a day and playing a little golf and tennis. I join all our classmates who have expressed their wishes that we all stay well, enjoy many blessings in the upcoming year, and remember with gratitude the time we spent together learning in the Sacred Heart tradition.

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1959

Well, as I write, the coronavirus continues to be the dominant news in our lives, followed closely by the looming presidential election. Or is it the other way around? Classes resume at Chestnut Hill, for now anyway, "Pops on the Heights" goes virtual, and football is played in mostly empty surroundings. Strange. • News from and about classmates: **Peter Murphy**, a retired ambassador and consultant, reports that the BC alumni news gets to Monaco two months after publication, but he's staying there since his family is scattered over the world, including in London, Bangkok, Italy, and New York City. • Sad news, reporting the recent death of **Tom Mahoney** of Peabody and St. John's Prep before BC. His obituary noted that he was the youngest of nine, and he never forgot summers spent working at leather tanneries in Peabody. He was also proud of the no-hitter that he pitched in eighth grade against a rival city grammar school. In his US Navy career he was the medical doctor for a lengthy Antarctic tour, maybe the only class member with that credit. • I also saw **Cal Dorsey**, of Malden and Malden Catholic, at the services for Tom; Cal still manages to look 20 years younger. Tom and Cal went on to Georgetown Medical and then returned to practice locally. • Lastly, I report the recent death of **Beth Grady**, MS'64, a student and later a faculty member in BC's nursing program. Beth was a leader in class affairs, always willing to organize an event

and round up support. She created and coordinated the effort to publish a yearbook for our 50th. A woman of widespread accomplishments, professionally and personally, she will be missed. • Send your notes, contact a classmate, brighten your day. If you need contact info, I've got it.
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NC 1959

May this New Year bring good health, much happiness, and many blessings to each of you. Hopefully, you are well while enduring the challenging coronavirus. • It is with sorrow that we report the loss of **Carmen "Keka" Casellas-DeMoss** in July 2020 after a brief but courageous battle with cancer. She was a vibrant and scholarly class member who earned a master's degree at the University of Grenoble in France. • We learned that **Pat Welch Grip** also passed away. She was a dedicated classmate who will be missed. Please pray for Pat and Keka and their families. • On a glorious August afternoon, some Cape Cod classmates gathered at **Gini Waterman-Casey's** Centerville home for lunch and reminiscing. **Joanne O'Connor Hynek**, **Pat Sweeney Sheehy**, **Janet Chute**, and **Maryjane Mulvanity Casey** all enjoyed the delicious food and happy conversation. It is comforting to know that most of our classmates are managing well as we go through our "outrageous" years! • Please send any news updates to fill our columns.

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1960

61ST REUNION June 2021

It has been difficult at best to gather material for this month's column, given that most of us have been hunkering down and curtailing normal activities, but I thank **Al Hyland** and **Ken Cahill** for reiterating what seems to be the overall message from classmates that their major activity has been just trying to stay healthy. I have, however, been able to gather a few bits and pieces. • **John Sheehan** is continuing his studies of the Irish (Gaelic) language. He was fortunate enough to recently get to Dublin, Donegal, and Clare (before the pandemic, I presume). John helped me get started on my own Irish study, and I can already tell you that any language that has two different names for each day of the week is not something for the faint-hearted. No wonder most of our ancestors from the Emerald Isle spoke English when they arrived here. • **Pauline LeBlanc Doherty** and her husband, Paul Croke '55, MBA '62, are giving up their beautiful Scituate home to move to Linden Ponds in Hingham. • My wife, Kay, and I managed to get out of Australia just before all the restrictions and closures took place, but after arriving back in New Hampshire, we found that the

queen (well actually the prime minister) had closed the Canadian border to all Americans, even those who have summer homes in Nova Scotia. The fortunate part was that for the first time ever, Kay got to spend autumn in New Hampshire during one of the most spectacular foliage seasons I have ever seen. • **John Flaherty** and his wife, Julie, also had a close encounter, ending a trip to Antarctica right before the curtains closed. Although still domiciled in Longboat Key, Florida, they have just acquired a summer home in Highland, North Carolina. • Fortunately, I know of only one death since our last column, that of Double Eagle and singer-musician Joe Forry '61. I still have a fond recollection from years ago of spotting Joe at the piano, entertaining the dinner patrons of a well-known restaurant in Alexandria, Virginia. • Did **Jack Ferris** actually name his new dog Fenway? • As I am writing this, two weeks before the presidential election, I suspect the world may have changed a bit by the time you read this. I'll be interested to hear how some of you may have been affected. Sorry for all the self-references, but as I said, it has been difficult to gather material recently. • One last FYI: the Alumni Association is considering "make-up" class reunions in June 2021 for those classes whose reunion had to be canceled this past year. • *Sláinte!*

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NC 1960

61ST REUNION June 2021

Pat Winkler Browne is still working with the BC Alumni Association's associate director for Newton College alumnae classes to see if there is a way to have a belated 60th reunion celebration in June. No decisions have been made as the coronavirus continues to be in our midst, but we will keep the class informed when we have a plan. • **Patricia Beattie McDonald** passed away suddenly on August 24, 2020. She was an economics major, great benefactor, and a volunteer for her community in Riverside, Connecticut. She had put together the slideshow for our 50th reunion from all the pictures we had sent her. Please keep her and her family in your prayers. • The Newton Class of 1960 is looking for a new class correspondent to submit class notes. For the past 10 years, **Sally O'Connell Healy** has graciously filled this position. Will someone fill in for the coming year? We all would be happy to forward our information to you for the column. If you have any news you would like to share, please let Pat Browne (enworbr@verizon.net) know until we have a new correspondent. We hope you all are well and keeping safe.

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1961

60TH REUNION

June 2021

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NC 1961

60TH REUNION

June 2021

Don't forget that 2021 is our anniversary year! Reunion Weekend will take place in June. Volunteers are always welcome! • **Faith Mead Bertrand** writes: "It will be wonderful seeing those of us who can make this reunion.... As for my activities during this time, the past six-plus months began for my husband, Jerry, and me with an 80th birthday trip to New Orleans. We drove and spent five weeks away from the snow and cold in Boston. For the past three years, I have played in an all-accordion orchestra that rehearsed in Wellesley. We have played several concerts, one of which I organized and which raised over \$1,700 for the local food pantry." • **Maryann Morrissey Curtain** writes: "Indeed this time has been different." She read 93 books, including *Moby Dick* and *Le Comte de Monte-Cristo*, which she tried in French, with some success. She also enjoyed Zoom meetings with her church group and met "some of the ladies," including **Ellen MacDonald Carbone**. • **Beth Good Wadden** writes: "I would love for this event [Reunion] to happen! I am teaching two yoga classes each week, using Zoom. My sister, my children, and my grandchildren come to class—from Boston, Rhode Island, Minneapolis, San Diego, Palm Springs, and Seattle!" • **Judy Thompson Collins** writes that her Nashville son, Paul, started an art project to encourage people to vote. Paul is professor of art at Austin Peay State University in Clarksville, Tennessee. • From **Gail Giere Collins**: "I made masks until the stores ran out of elastic. Frank '59 and I go to Mass with about 50 people here in Massachusetts. The doors are open, every other pew is roped off, and Mass ends after Communion. God bless first responders." Many of Gail's children and their families have contracted and recovered from COVID-19 because they are in the medical field. "Our parents had to live through a recession and two world wars, and we will survive this with care and patience and come out stronger," Gail writes. • **Joan Merrick Egan** emailed in September: "We are still on the Cape and had lunch with **Alice Dresser Pusateri** and **Gail Giere Collins**. As for the smoke, we were lucky that Indian Wells (California) was too far to get hit with the ash, but we had very dark skies. What a year." She was planning to head back to California in October. • I have spoken to **Ellen MacDonald Carbone** and **Mary Nolan Calise** a few times. They and their families are well.

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1962

We hope you have all seen the picture and article featuring our own **Samuel Fardy** in *Boston College Magazine*. At the BC Band's 50th anniversary celebration, Sam, one of the senior members of SymBa, was asked to write an article with a glimpse back at the band's early days. Sam never dreamed the article would appear in the alumni magazine. "I had no idea how much attention that publication gets. I am getting calls from friends I didn't even know went to BC," he writes. • **Patricia and Kevin Doyle** "escaped" to Chatham on the Cape to celebrate the upcoming big day when Kevin would join the "Octogenarian Club." Statistically, they ran into an unbelievable scenario. Five people in the 12-room inn had birthdays on the same day! Kevin wants to send congratulations to all who belong to this exclusive "club." • **Carol Dorey Hurzeler** retired last fall from psychiatric nursing and now works one day per week at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store run by her church, attends two Al-Anon meetings weekly, belongs to the church choir, and works out regularly at the gym. She says she is "happy to find out I can do the gym, sing with my mask on, and socially distance!" The Hurzeler family has four children and eight grandchildren. • **Paul Horrigan** is now retired and has a new address: You can email him at paulhorrigan123@gmail.com. He sends best wishes to all. • Both **Charles McCarthy** and **William Nagle**, MED'70, called to say hi. • Our condolences to the families of the following classmates. **Jean Marie Hanagan Allin** taught French and Spanish in several school districts. She was predeceased by her husband, Sherwood, and leaves a daughter, Catherine. **Anthony Capodilupo** was the star of many campus plays and shows. After earning an MFA in drama from Yale University, he received very positive reviews as a cast member in several Broadway plays. Tony also wrote, produced, and starred in plays presented in a theater he opened beneath The European Restaurant. Ultimately, he entered his father's real estate business and was a successful businessman. Tony was predeceased by his wife, Sara, and leaves two daughters. **Walter Whalen's** many accomplishments included serving as a lieutenant JG aboard the USS *Albany* and holding leadership positions in several companies before becoming executive director of International Business Products. Walter especially enjoyed his golden retrievers, which he trained and registered as therapy pets. Walter leaves his wife, Jeannie, and three children. After graduation, **John Kazmierczak** served in the US Army. John enjoyed running his own business, County Line Associates, attending BC football games, vacationing on the Jersey Shore, and celebrating holidays with his family. John leaves his wife, Mary Joan, and four children. **Francis Coyle** is survived by his wife, Mary Kay, three daughters, and two stepsons. Born in Scotland, Frank became a US citizen in 1962. He served in the US Army, was promoted to captain, and received the Army Commendation

Medal for meritorious service. Most of his career was with Raytheon as an engineer. **James Dacey** believed in equality for all; he marched with Dr. King and became friends with US Representative John Lewis. Jim earned a doctorate in math, taught math and science, and also coached Little League. He faced multiple myeloma with great courage, determination, and acceptance. Jim was predeceased by his wife, Judith, and leaves two children. • We hope you and all you hold dear are well.

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NC 1962

Judy Pizzarello Bishop, who comes from a career in broadcast journalism and was a senior producer at CNBC in the 1990s, wrote that she has just written a book, published in August, called *Changing Channels: From Just the Facts to Outrageous Opinions* (Palmetto, 2020). In it she explores this headline-driven phenomenon. It's a book about television journalism, its present and its future told by the people who know it best. Through exclusive interviews and little-known public statements, high-profile anchors, reporters, executives, and media critics weigh in and tell us what they really think when the cameras aren't rolling. It's a great read. Congratulations, Judy! • **Mary Bobay Murphy**, like all of us, is locked down because of COVID-19 and grateful to have children and grandchildren nearby to socially distance visit with and help with food shopping. • I too am blessed to have 12 of my 13 grandchildren living nearby. My daughter, Kelly '87, who along with her son is a gourmet cook, spoils me with meals delivered to my door. • **Gail Capon Hill** has children living in the Boston area, New York City, and upstate New York, which is more typical of most of our classmates. Gail and I agreed that those early-morning "senior hours" for food shopping are great. As hard as it is, everyone seems to be adjusting to the new norm, with family Zoom calls, and watching the grandkids soccer games from the car. The consensus is that we can handle this but agree it is much more difficult for our children and grandchildren. We were lucky to have had a great college experience at Newton. I wonder what Zoom mixers in the Quonset hut would look like! • **Bobbi Schroetter Speck** says that she is pursuing most of her activities through Zoom and is back on the tennis court. Her seven grandkids, ages 12–23, have all been working with their dads/uncles in the family winery during the pandemic. "My sons don't just work for our winery—they are the winery! Henry of Pelham is still our main brand and is premium wine, but 'the boys' have also branded themselves, and if you look at their website (speckbros.ca) you'll see some fun brands, too." I will remember, Bobbi, your treating us to your wine at one of our parties on the eve of a reunion. • **Julie McGraw Brown** is working remotely for Powered by People, Beto O'Rourke's newest organization focused on

assisting Democratic candidates running for Congress. • When I was calling classmates to update our database, I found **Carol Lo Chin**, who lives in Wellesley, in California, where she and her husband have been stranded in their condo in Dublin for months because of COVID-19. I was able to give her **Gerry Wang Huang's** contact info in Mountain View, so hopefully they can have a distanced visit! • **Liz Martin Dougherty** is contentedly settled in her new assisted-living home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Liz was the queen of knitters, so she will never be lacking something to do. • **Dale Mullarkey**, who lives on the coast in North Carolina, also keeps busy with her knitting and needlepoint. Her career had been in the world of finance, so she continues to consult with nonprofits. Two of her granddaughters have ventured to Ireland and Scotland for college. One attended St. Andrew's in Scotland and is now working for Discovery in New York City while the other is a senior at Trinity College in Dublin. A third granddaughter is a freshman at the University of Denver. Whether here or in Europe, our college-age grandchildren seem to be doing most of their classes online. I can't imagine SWC online! • **Mary Hallisey McNamara** is thrilled to have her son Paul '94 and his family moving back east. Paul has been on the West Coast for years as California bureau chief for CNBC. He has now taken a position in New York City as a producer for *The News with Shepard Smith* on CNBC at 7:00 p.m. Mary's other son lives in New Jersey, so family get-togethers, post COVID, will be a lot easier. • I am sorry to report that **Linda Keenan Kraft**, our classmate freshman and sophomore years, passed away in May. • **Barbara Keane Blais** is still enjoying her life in Gloucester and proximity to the ocean, where she swims daily from mid-May to mid-September. • Please let me know if you have any changes in your address, email, or phone, and send me news!

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1963

In August, Carol and **Jim Norton** hosted the third annual Cape Cod summer luncheon, beautifully catered at their Mashpee home. Present and socially distanced were Judy and **Frank Carney**, Kay and **John Golden**, Meg and **Dave Kelley**, Karen and **Tom Quirk**, and Okey and **Brian Sullivan**, MA'65. • Elder softball is back! Doubleheaders take place on Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. **Mike Neri**, for one, relishes the healthy activity; it's the "best exercise I get, plus one golfing round per week," he says. Mike also recalled our gathering at last year's Veterans Day Mass on November 11, 2019: "It was a great day. I hope we (**John Levis**, **Tom Quirk**, **Ed Rae**) can make it an annual get-together." • **Joe Dimino** related a story about Red Sox great Tony Conigliaro, whose rising career was cruelly curtailed in 1967 by a "beanball" injury. In early 1982, he had applied for a broadcasting position at WSBK TV-Boston, where Joe was station manager, and was a leading candidate for

the job before suffering the heart attack and stroke that left him in a coma. Joe began his own career in broadcasting in 1967 as an account executive for Storer Sales in New York; he rose to national sales manager, then station manager, VP, and general manager, of WSBK-Boston—you may recall him together with Dana Hersey on the popular informative series, *Ask the Manager* during his time in Boston—before becoming president, television stations division, for Storer Communications Inc., in Miami. • **Harry Crump** passed away in September. An excellent running back for BC, he was recognized as Catholic All-American and went on to play for the Patriots. He also enjoyed golf and tennis and later played as a member of various country clubs. Professionally, most notably, Harry was president of American Flexible Conduit Company and served on several boards, including those of Roger Williams University and the Special Olympics. • Be masked. Be safe. Be well.

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Despite the onus of the pandemic restrictions I am pleased to tell you that the Newton College New England group continues to get together for lunch! In the summer, the Cape Cod group met at the Wianno Club at a lunch organized by **Carolyn McInerney McGrath**. Attending were **Jo Egan Maguire** MA'72, **Marge Dever Shea**, **Maura McCarthy Parnin**, **Judy DeMarco**, **Delia Conley Flynn** MEd'70, and **Carol Donovan Levis**. Then, in October, another group met for lunch at Castle Hill in Newport—lucky ladies, is all I have to say. **Delia Conley Flynn**, **Carleen Testa McOsker**, **Norma LaSalle**, **Carol Donovan Levis**, **Jo Egan Maguire**, and **Katie McCarthy** enjoyed the time away from the “new normal” and catching up with each other's lives. And the location isn't too shabby, either! • I heard, but could not confirm, that **Clare McMahon Yates** has relocated to California to be near her kids. Does anyone know?

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1964

Jim Spillane, S.J., MA'68, MDiv'76, has left Tanzania and is now back at Santa Dharma University, a Jesuit school in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, where he taught for so many years before. He hopes to start a master's program in tourism modeled after the very successful program he ran at St. Augustine University of Tanzania. • **Betsy O'Connor Hand** and **Margie Supple Mone** recently met for lunch on the Cape. After over 50 years in nursing, both retired this fall from their current positions—Betsy as an instructor at Cape Cod Community College, and Margie as a clinical nurse specialist in diabetes education at Brockton Neighborhood Health Center. • **John Hirsh** has completed 50 years of teaching at Georgetown University and has

established the Edward L. Hirsh collection of English rare books of the 16th–19th centuries at BC's Burns Library in memory of his father, who taught at Boston College for many years. • The *New York Times* gave a rave review of *Karen I Said*, written and performed by **Eliza Bent**, **Bob Bent's** daughter. “In this wicked 45-minute satire on wokeness, the problem is evident right from the start: Karen, a 38-year-old white woman, has called the police on a man of color for delivering a meat lasagna instead of the ‘vegetarian goddess’ variety she ordered,” said the *Times*. Theater sure is different under pandemic protocols. • **John Bormolini** has been contributing a monthly column of remembrances to the *Local Yokel*, a publication about West Stockbridge, where he grew up. Recently he recruited fellow townsman **Peter Angelini**, who authored “Other Pandemics: Polio and Tuberculosis” as it related to West Stockbridge in the '40s and '50s. (To the uninitiated, West Stockbridge is Norman Rockwell territory.) • An endowed scholarship has been established in the name of **Bill Collins**, MA'67, at BC High. Bill taught English there for most of his career. • **Michael St. Clair**, MA'65, writes: “I was a Jesuit scholastic when I graduated in 1964. After leaving the Jesuits, I became a professor of psychology at Emmanuel College, Boston, for almost 40 years. I recall with great pleasure and respect my Jesuit teachers and colleagues. My two sons are doing well, and I have three granddaughters. My education has served me well and nourished my curiosity over a lifetime. My most recent book was on Chinese art, and my latest project is on the transmission of ancient Greek manuscripts via Byzantine scribes, continuing interests from seeds planted way back from my early education.”

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Carol Sorace Whalen sent me the news that Professor Bill Godfrey died on April 7, 2020, at his Port Jefferson, New York, home. He was 91. He had been diagnosed with pneumonia and tested negative for the coronavirus, but doctors suspected the virus was nevertheless the cause of his death. His wife, Valerie, described him as “radically moderate,” as well as funny and an excellent cook (as quoted in *Newsday*). Carol said that she and **Ann Marie DeNisco Labbate** stayed in touch with him for decades and got together as recently as a few years ago. He was a “fan of the rigors of our Newton education” and a close friend of **Faine McMullen**, RSCJ. He joined the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom and led the Upward Bound program at Stony Brook University, where he was the only Latin instructor for decades. And here's where we come in! After leaving a banking career at Citibank and W.R. Grace, he took a 50-percent pay cut in 1960 to teach at Newton, specifically Spanish, French, Latin, money and banking, and Latin American history and politics! He left Newton in 1965 to teach Latin at Stony Brook. Which means that we, the Class of 1964, were

the lucky ones to have him on our faculty. My write-up here is a mere hint at the list of his other accomplishments. I strongly recommend reading his obituary in the April 15, 2020, issue of *Newsday*. There's even a photo! It's fascinating reading. • Some more news, from **Mary Shay McGuire**: Her book of poetry, *Always the Blue Tide Turning*, is now available on Amazon. She said that she keeps in touch with **Jennifer Kilbourn Kramer**, who, Mary says, creates magnificent quilts. • During last summer, **Peggy Cox Curran** sold her house in Seekonk and moved to North Carolina, where she'll be living near her daughter. Peggy is planning to winter in North Carolina and summer in Narragansett, Rhode Island. • **Sue Roy Patten** has also moved, from Inverness, Illinois, to Fort Myers, Florida. Thank goodness for Zoom! • I'm pretty sure that this dystopian universe we're in is going to be with us a while longer. So all I can say is: Keep Zooming and keep eating ice cream! In moderation, of course. Except for Zooming. Zoom with reckless abandon!

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1965

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June 2021

Bob Mallon writes that he has 10 copies of an album cut by the University Chorale in 1963 and would be happy to distribute them at no cost to classmates. The album pictures Gasson Hall on the cover; he sent me a photo of it, which I could email to classmates interested in receiving one of Bob's copies. He is looking for another album, made earlier, that had a plain white cover; he would like to borrow it and send it to California to the outfit that converted to a CD the album he already has. You can reach Bob at teacher4eva@yahoo.com.

• **Mike Jones** sent an email about five classmates and their spouses who have been having virtual cocktail parties using Zoom: **Mike and Nancy (Brox) Jones**, Jack '62 and **Rosemary (Thomas) MacKinnon**, **Phil and Marie (Formichelli) McCarthy**, **Shelby and Janet (Hunt) Mudarri**, and **Steve and Donna (Doyle) Sutton**. • **Kevin Bokoske** emailed me that his wife of 61 years, Nancy, passed away this September after many years of suffering. She leaves their daughter, **Sharon Teitelbaum**, of Arlington, Virginia, and their son, **Douglas**, and his wife, **Mary**, of Portland, Oregon. Kevin lives in Fort Lauderdale, where the funeral was held. • **Kevin Flatley** has republished *The Little Blue Book of Estate Planning*. It's available on Amazon online books. Kevin has spent 35 years in banking and now, retired, is counsel at his son-in-law's law practice, **Keating Law Office**, in Reading. Kevin and his wife live in Methuen on a lake and see their 5 children and 15 grandchildren often.

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56TH REUNION

June 2021

Greetings! I apologize for the absence of the last two columns. I expected to be back on track with this column until my computer was infected with a virus; now on a borrowed computer of which I have little knowledge, I'm trying to recall some of the news that you have sent in past months. I promise that the next column will be better if y'all will send me some news. • Many classmates responded with beautiful tributes to **Cathy Lugar** after her passing in April. Cathy worked so hard to come back from the effects of a stroke but, sadly, she lost her fight against COVID-19. • William Godfrey also passed away in April, at the age of 91. Mr. Godfrey was a popular classics professor during our years at Newton. • **Libby Miller Fitzgerald** and her friend initiated a "Coins for Change Caring Meters" in which old parking meters are painted and refurbished to be used as "piggy banks" to collect spare change from passersby. The collections are matched by local businesses and are donated to local charities. • Thanks to **Marianne Pizzuto Haggerty**, we learned of the death of **Barbara Ryan Burke Endrizzi** due to COVID-19. Barbara left college early to marry John Burke, who died in Vietnam shortly after graduation. She is survived by her second husband and three children. • Like the rest of us, Fred and **Mary (Ratchford) Hesselgrave** have been locked down since the start of the pandemic. Mary's nephew has been staying with them, allowing Mary the opportunity to spend some days hiking and kayaking while the two men spend precious time together. • I am sad to report that **Joan Mutty McPartlin's** husband, Paul '66, passed away, peacefully, in August. Paul and Joan met at a New Year's Eve event in 1961 and were married for 54 years. They have five children. • As I write this, my wish for all is that 2021 will see the fulfillment of our fondest dreams: good health, good friends, and peace for all.

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55TH REUNION

June 2021

Bill O'Neill reports the passing of **Gil Sullivan** on Easter Sunday after six years of declining health. He is survived by his spouse of 52 years, Kathy (Lydon) '78. Gil founded a container distributing company, I-PAK, in 1969. He willingly shared his time, talent, and treasure with many individuals and organizations, Being a Double Eagle—BC High '62 and BC '66—meant a great deal to Gil, and he was a longtime benefactor to both. • Condolences to **Joseph Meehan Jr.**, who shared that his beloved, 90-year-old sister, Joan Meehan Lockwood, passed away peacefully on September 5, 2020. Joan was also the sister of Daniel Meehan '69, JD'72, and the aunt

of Meghan Meehan Whalen '00. She lived in New City, New York, and is survived by three sons and a daughter.

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June 2021

Our 55th reunion is scheduled for June 2021. Stay tuned! • Here are some more thoughts on COVID-19 life from the fall. **Terry Ancona Orueta** writes: "Here in Spain, we are deep into the second wave of the epidemic but are better prepared to deal with it. Masks and social distancing are mandatory. School starts next week, and that seems like an impossible endeavor (so glad I'm retired!). I have loved Zoom calls with friends and family—we should have done this before!" **Kathy Brosnan Dixon** agrees that Zoom has been "one of the true blessings to come out of this strange time." She and **Judy Mullen Connorton**, **Judy McCluskey Flood**, **Sharon Cuffe Fleming**, **Sheila McIntire Barry**, and **Susi Marion Cooney** meet every Wednesday to Zoom chat for 40 minutes. She writes: "We used to consider ourselves lucky if we saw each other once a year!" **Betty Wahn Goletti** writes: "Thanks to COVID-19, I'm stuck here in Rome—I suppose there are worse places to be stuck! With few tourists around, I'm really seeing my hometown. This morning my friend and I were the only two visitors at the Napoleon Museum, the Basilica of St. Augustine with its Caravaggio, and the Keats-Shelley House. It's fun reliving the past!" **Jane Cass O'Leary** reports that "the pandemic completely changed our normal summer. We have a summer home, and we missed hosting our family and friends and enjoying lazy days at the beach with them. Fall goal: lose these COVID 10 pounds!" **Kathy Byron Kahr**, MSW'68, and her husband are downsizing—selling their family home in Providence, Rhode Island, and settling into their place in Chatham. They planned to spend the winter in Bend, Oregon, where their son Tony '04 and his family live. "Our other son and his family live in LA, so hopefully, when the pandemic subsides, we will see more of them. This difficult time has made us decide what was most important in life, and being near family is it." • Book recommendations from **Barbara Childs Hall** include *The Salt Path* by Raynor Winn, *The Dutch House* by Ann Patchett, and *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens. • Condolences to the family of **Janice Sacco Ablon**, who died on August 27 of complications from surgery. Janice received a master's in psychology from Tufts and worked as a child psychologist on the North Shore of Massachusetts for many years. She was a widow; her husband Jerry had died three years ago.

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1967

Patricia Feraco Gannon, wife of **John Gannon**, passed away on September 7,

2020. Patricia, originally from Greenwich, Connecticut, married John in 1969, and they shared a wonderful life together, blessed with two sons, two daughters-in-law, and five grandchildren. She doted on all of them. She taught at and later was the education director for the Hillsdale United Nursery School in Hillsdale, New Jersey, in Bergen County, where they lived for 41 years before retiring to Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania.

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NC 1967

2021...Greetings to one and all! Since there was little news sent in, I trust that all are managing in this topsy-turvy world and will be enjoying this new year despite any continuation of the coronavirus or other challenges to our lives. Those who responded to my email all send their best wishes to the rest of you. • **Terry Lane Ferrarone** reports all is well with her family; the six grandchildren are in virtual and hybrid schools, despite the smoke of the western fires. • Our classmates didn't report problems, although few apparently live around the worst of the fires. Hopefully the same is true for your families who faced any natural disasters last year. • The coronavirus challenge, and perhaps our increasing years/creaking joints, brought several to reconsider how they are living. **Donna Shelton** spent her fall writing "Get Out the Vote" postcards and packing. After 26 years, she and Frank moved two miles from their home to an apartment in suburban Virginia. She said it was time to make the transition rather than waiting until the bones groaned even more. She remains close enough to work with her school-age grandchildren. • **Faith Brouillard Hughes** considered moving closer to her family in Brooklyn. Instead they found a place closer to her on Cape Cod. Parents and grandchildren can work/learn from home, with "teacher" Faith nearby to provide the extra support. • **Marilyn Santos Velayo** relayed details of restricted living in the Philippines. For four months, people basically stayed home; children and senior citizens couldn't go out even for necessities. Then things eased a bit, and again in September, but public transportation still hadn't fully come back by October. Masks or face shields were mandatory. There was access to regular liturgical celebrations online, but celebration of one of their biggest church feast days—November 1—wasn't allowed. Her one "benefit" was to have four months for intensive household cleaning—"now important things can be found immediately!" Additionally, she kept current, and had her own opinions, on the international (for her) news, including the pre-election happenings here in the States. Travel restrictions precluded her annual visits from her international daughters and families. Like the rest of us, Marilyn hopes that 2021 will restore circumstances of a normal (new normal?) way of life. •

Meanwhile, take care; keep in touch! If you are not on my direct mailing lists for occasional extra news, let me know that too.
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1968

Greetings, classmates. • So sadly, we begin with news from Florida of the sudden passing last July of **Frank Dever** from complications of the coronavirus. Frank was a proud Eagle as well as a devoted Red Sox fan. Our sincerest sympathy is extended to his wife, Diane, and to his children, Carolyn '88 and Mark '90; his grandchildren; and his extended family and friends. • **Bill Fitzgerald** shares further sadness: **Bill Cavanagh** passed away on October 17. Bill spent most of his working life first in Arizona then in southern California. He retired as a CFO/senior VP of AECOM a few years ago. He will be missed by his family and many friends. • In these challenging times, **Bill Plunkert** is continuing his work as a spiritual director, now through the use of Zoom or FaceTime. Though not as effective as person-to-person, his team is continuing to minister to the homeless and others, who, in material ways, are not as fortunate as most of us. Bill and his wife, Donna, live in Great Falls, Virginia, and have two children and five grandchildren. Bill reminds us that we all have so much to be grateful for. He gives a special shout-out to his soccer and baseball buddies and

wishes all of us BC'68-ers the best. • **Jim Boucher**, of Burke, Virginia, has written a lovely poetic song lyric about a BC alumnus revisiting the Heights. His poem opens: "Walking along Linden Lane/I face that day long ago/When I saw what spring could bring/For many years to follow./First there's gothic Gasson Hall/Where Michael guards the way/And the clock upon the tower/Measures each day." Though space precludes my continuing, you can follow his nostalgic journey across campus by going online to our class website via the Alumni Association. • Friends, please stay well, stay safe, as we await the glorious reawakening of springtime's promise! Go, Eagles!
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NC 1968

Jo Tolsdorf Solet writes that it was wonderful to reconnect with old friends at our 50th reunion and to explore where life has taken us. She adds that we are an accomplished group who came of age just as opportunities for women were opening further. At Harvard Medical School, Jo serves as elected faculty chair of the Joint Committee on the Status of Women. She works for gender equity in science and medicine as well as researches and teaches as part of the Division of Sleep Medicine. Also, Jo contributes to community preservation efforts as a member of the Cambridge Historical Commission. Her husband, Mike, is a retired attorney who presently works with nonprofits. Her son Paul

is an LA screenwriter and director. His movie *Tread* can be seen on Netflix. Son David is a criminal prosecutor who works on serious unsolved crimes. His two daughters, Celia and Angela, brighten each and every day for Jo. • After retirement in 2017, **Julia Lopez** joined several boards, including a foundation dedicated to supporting indigenous rights around the world, especially in securing and protecting lands and territories. Additionally, Julia spends time on the board of the Bay Area's public media. Her niece, nephew, and godchildren continue to inspire Julia in their commitment to make the world a better place for all. • **Betty Downes** works in the behavioral health field at the state level, including with recent initiatives in clinical practice improvement. Recently she enjoyed a short visit with **Marge Gaynor Palmer**, who was returning to Colorado after visiting her sister in Albuquerque. • Our class has a new NBA team to cheer for because **Judy Vetter's** nephew, Taylor Jenkins, is the head coach of the Memphis Grizzlies. When not in the stands, Judy can be found in the small cabin she built in East Texas around the edge of Big Bend National Park or working in her studio in a house adjacent to where she officially resides. • Tom '68 and **Pat (Mannion) Sugrue** have hunkered down in Alexandria, Virginia, and at their beach house in Rehoboth, Delaware. With masks in place and practicing social distancing, the Sugrues were able to see their two daughters, Erin (of Minneapolis) and Kerry (Capitol Hill), and their five grandchildren for a gathering over the summer. • As COVID-19 is still very

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much a part of our lives, we continue to hope that you and your loved ones are well. Stay safe, all of you.

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1969

It was good hearing from **Chuck Klemballa**. Chuck is living in New York City. His three daughters, (two of whom have graduated from BC) and six grandchildren are all healthy and live close by. Chuck's grandchildren range in age from 3 to 19. Due to COVID-19, Chuck's retirement preference of traveling worldwide and enjoying all New York City has to offer have been basically shut down. Chuck commented on how much he enjoyed our 50th reunion last year and is already looking forward to our 55th reunion in 2024. • **Jim O'Reilly's** 55th textbook, *COVID-19 and Other Pandemics: Business and Legal Challenges* (co-authored with Philip Hagan), has been well received. Jim serves on a committee developing uniform laws for state legislators on local and state controls of activities during the pandemic. He continues to teach his MD-MPH students at the University of Cincinnati. • **Doug Carnival** became a grandfather for the first time when his daughter, Leighlin Carnival Bille '07, delivered a baby boy, Dawson, in July 2020. Doug lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. • I am sorry to report the death of **Jay Sullivan**, of Dover, on October 16, 2020. Jay was the former husband of Amy Kalberer, who passed away in 2004, and Norma Sullivan. He is also survived by his son, Jonathan; daughter, Kristin Boal; and grandchildren, Griffin, Annabelle, and Jack Boal and Marc and Sydney Sullivan. While at BC, Jay participated in the ROTC program, and he later served in the Vietnam War as a first lieutenant. An Eagle Scout, Jay remained committed to scouting for his entire life, serving as scoutmaster of Troop 1, Dover, and on the executive board of the Boston Council. Jay and son Jonathan worked together at Sullivan Associates, both as corporate benefits specialists. • Please take the time to email me and let me know how things are with you. Everyone, please be well and stay safe.

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Greetings from Ohio. I always think, "What will I write for my next column?" when I have no news, but somehow someone somewhere comes through for me. This time it was **Ann Lessing Young**. After my last column was printed, Ann contacted me. She loved **Winnie Loving's** quote from the column, cut it out and hung it in her kitchen! Ann's family is well, with all four of her daughters currently living in Greenwich. Her daughter Lindsay recently had a little boy, Raphael, Ann's first grandson. He joins his big sister Simone. Congratulations! Ann's son lives in the Hollywood Hills. Ann's new

husband, Nick, has four children and three grandchildren. They have homes in Florida and Connecticut as well as Quogue, New York, where they go in the summer. Ann also filled me in on **Pat Farrell**. Ann recently visited Pat at her gorgeous 18th-century barn in Water Mill in the Hamptons. Pat still has her co-op in Central Park South but due to COVID-19, she is more in residence out East. She continues her artwork, using many new art media. Pat's son Mark is in Africa with Doctors Without Borders. Her husband, Tom, is EVP at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. • **Ellie Parks Mullen** also contacted me after the last column. She and Peter are happy hunkering down in Chatham on Cape Cod. • **Mary "Bebbe" Carroll Linder** has recently become the chairperson for the Hudson Valley Writers Center. During October, the Center had a virtual gala. Bebee invited some of us to attend as her guests. Several well-known writers were in attendance that evening, including Jericho Brown, Susan Choi, Toi Derricotte, Katharine Holabird, and Leslie Jamison. Each author did readings. Live questions and answers followed and then a silent auction. Bebee has belonged to this organization for 10 years. She enjoys the intellectual stimulation. The Writers Center does workshops and readings; owns its own small press; and does a terrific outreach program, where the members teach creative writing to at-risk teenagers and to young immigrant children. Bebee says you can't believe the fantastic talent that's been unearthed. • In reading the last issue, I noticed that **KJ McIntyre** has passed away. Condolences go out to her family. • Take care, and send some news my way. Be that someone who comes somehow from somewhere for me!

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A few things to mention this time, so let's get to it. • I had a great conversation with **Jack Hanrahan**, a retired advertising executive who is now involved in the legal world. For the last eight years, Jack has been a volunteer and now manager of a legal and justice center in Charlottesville, Virginia, focused on counseling ACA and Medicaid recipients. He manages a number of other volunteers as well as some UVA law students. Steve and his wife, Lisa, have three grown daughters, all working in the advertising world and living in Charlottesville. • For those who remember struggling to pay rent in Brighton, you have a friend, although on the other side of the country and in a decidedly higher rent district. **Lou Milkowski** has been named chair of the Beverly Hills Rent Stabilization Commission. Lou, a longtime Beverly Hills resident, has for a number of years been involved in practicing tax and entertainment law, with a side interest in civic affairs. He was previously on the Traffic and Parking Commission and was a founder

of the Beverly Hills Community Theater. He and his wife, Gloria, were named Beverly Hills Older Americans of the Year in 2017 in acknowledgment of their involvement and contributions in civic affairs. • It's always good to hear from one of our nurses. I had a nice chat with **Barbara Wyand Walker**, who recently retired from the Greenbrier Valley Medical Center. She was awarded emeritus certification in infection control and epidemiology by the Certification Board of Infection Control and Epidemiology. Barbara has been involved in the area of infection control for over 40 years. She worked in several locations after graduating as her husband, Jay, was in the Navy. They have been in Lewisburg, West Virginia, for several years. She has two grown children, Jeremy and Stephanie, and two grandchildren. • As so often is the case in this column, I close with mention of a couple of classmates who live on only in our memories. This is especially sad as both were somewhat local, had stayed in touch with BC, and but for the curse of COVID-19 perhaps would have been with us had we gathered last June. **Tom Byrne**, MBA '79, of Tiverton, Rhode Island, passed away in September after a brief battle with glioblastoma. He had spent much of his career in pharmaceutical sales and the last decade with Merrill Lynch in Providence. Tom leaves his wife, Edythe DeMarco, their son, Jason, and a large extended family. **Kathleen Murphy Hess** passed away in July from complications related to diabetes, COVID-19, and cerebral amyloid angiopathy. Kathy was married to John Hess (Notre Dame '70) and had two sons, Patrick '00 and Kevin '04, and two grandsons, Finnian and Dominic. Kathy spent 27 years as the coordinator of early childhood education at Triton Regional School in Byfield. • I look forward to seeing you all if we are able to gather this coming June.

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I hope this message finds you in good health and good spirits! Despite pandemic constraints, we've remained an active crew. • **Katie O'Shea McGillicuddy** continues teaching classes via Zoom at Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. Inspired by the unsolved 1990 robbery of 13 masterpieces from Boston's Gardner Museum, she created a course, *Famous Art Heists*. She reports: "The research and preparation is definitely giving me something to do during the pandemic. I've pulled out my 50-plus-year-old Janson's *History of Art* text more than once!" • **Rita Houlihan** helped FutureChurch celebrate 30 years of work for renewal of the church with a two-evening virtual gathering in October. The theme of the evening was "Making Sense of 2020: Being Church Today!" The event celebrated those working to create new models of lay ministry and to advance women's full participation in the life, ministry, and governance of the

Church. • Our team at Honoring the Future published two educator's guides offering middle and high school teachers free online resources to enliven virtual classes in art, science, and many other subjects. • **Liz Scannell Burke** and husband Jack, MSW'75, raved about their experience at the Franklin Park Zoo's lantern lights festival—and the dazzling displays are well worth a peek! Google "Boston Lights: A Lantern Experience." Liz and Jack celebrated the event with their kids and grandchildren—the first time all had been together since last winter. • And catching up belatedly—my apologies!—with a bit of pre-pandemic news that we've not yet properly honored: **Tec Manalac Jose** and husband Gilbert celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last fall—congratulations!—and hosted a party to commemorate the occasion. Tec reports: "What started as a simple dinner party for 50 (we had 30 for our 30th in Istanbul) ended up as an old-fashioned dress-up dinner dance with a live band for 80 friends and family, party favors, and lots of photos. Included were really good friends, including **Lynne McCarthy**, **Anne McDermott**, and **Liz Gibbons**, who came to San Francisco from Manila, LA, New York, Florida, and Mississippi the Monday before Thanksgiving. We are thankful that we could celebrate with all the trimmings before the virus invaded and kept us in our homes." • Speaking of the holidays, best wishes to all for what I hope was a peaceful, joyful season! May we rejoice in our many blessings and continue to support each other when times get tough.

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It is with great sadness that I report the passing of **Robert Maguire**, of Wayland, on September 1, 2019, after a brief illness. Bob loved all things BC, and he served as our class correspondent for many years. He always looked forward to reuniting with his classmates at the reunions. Bob was a friend to everyone he knew. Bob, with his joy for life, is greatly missed by his family: wife Ann, daughter Melissa Moran, son Rob, and two grandchildren. He will also be truly missed by his BC classmates. • **Michael Dunn** reports that after more than 50 years with C&W Services (formerly Allied Maintenance), he is retiring on December 31, 2020. Michael is looking forward to spending more time with his family, including wife Nancy '08; son Gregory '99; daughter-in-law Jaclyn '99, MS'05; son Nicolas '01, JD'08; daughter-in-law Nicole, and seven grandsons: Teddy, Jack, Frankie, Nolan, Xavier, Sammy, and Roosevelt! He relates that his life has been quite a journey and he feels truly blessed. • After 40-plus years of living in Switzerland, **Martha Ritchie Swiderski** has returned to America for her retirement and has been trying to track down her former apartment-mates. She has

reconnected with **Linda Hanrahan**, **Linda DeStefano**, and **Brian and Pam (Torrey) Hayes**. She is also in contact with **Carole** and **Jim Clancy-Hughes** via telephone chats. She is now trying to locate **Anne Spillane** and **Kathy Sullivan Connolly**, MED'72. Anne and Kathy, if you are reading this column, please email her. • **Joe Collins** reports that **John Mashia** has sold his house in Killingworth, Connecticut, where he lived for 33 years with his wife, Janet, and moved to nearby Madison to be closer to his son, Chris '01. John also has a condo in Naples, Florida, where he looks forward to hosting his many BC friends during the winter months. • I recall a gruesome lecture on the 1918 flu pandemic during my second year of medical school. Our professor attempted to reassure us: "Don't worry, something like this only happens every 100 years or so." I hope that all of my classmates are safe and well during these very difficult times. I also hope that we will see some resolution of the COVID-19 pandemic before the time of our 50th reunion. I look forward to hearing from you.

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50TH REUNION

June 2021

Well, we have to admit it! The Class of '71 has turned 71! By the time you read this, many will be facing 72. With that in mind, what are we waiting for? It's time to celebrate our 50th reunion. It's been rescheduled for this coming June, and we hope many ladies will be able to participate. There may even be some activities planned virtually for other dates to accommodate various schedules and health concerns. Reliving our college days and making new memories as we celebrate is always fun. Keeping those memories alive is so important, especially as we age. Part of the plan this year is to group the classes that missed last year's reunions with ours and the Class of 1966. That means we will celebrate with the Classes of 1965, 1966, and 1970. **Eileen McIntyre** provided me with information from a Zoom meeting that was held to discuss planning this reunion. Part of that discussion featured the fundraising necessary to name a room in Boston College's McMullen Art Museum after our NCSH studio art director, (Mother) Carol Putnam. As we all age, we realize that before too long there will be no more Newton College reunions and no more laughing conversations reliving our girlhood days. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could help fellow NCSH graduates achieve this goal of honoring one of our beloved professors, who also initiated the studio art program at Boston College? By late November, you should have received mailings about our reunion and about the Carol Putnam project. • As far as the news of classmates is concerned, most of us are doing the usual family activities on a much smaller scale due to COVID-19 precautions. However, quite surprisingly, I

had a newsy email from David Doran '74, who reported that his sister, **Susan Doran Gelpke**, has been living in Tuscany since 1978, having moved there from Rome after graduation. Susan has a family farm, Fattoria Corsano e Paterno, famous for its cheese, oils, and wines. According to David, "Many TV foodie personalities have filmed there, including Tony Bourdain." Susan still keeps in touch with our classmate **Mary Pat McGovern**, who lives in Paris. Last year they met for a visit in Naples. • In closing, let's hope we can rally many participants in our reunion activities, even if they are virtual. • Stay well in 2021.

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I got more news for this column than I expected. One reason is a message I received from **Tom DeSimone**, who's a semiretired developer of shopping centers and a resident of Swampscott. He and four classmate friends, along with their wives, had their annual reunion in September. The others who joined Tom and his wife, Midge, were **Laurie and Mike Driscoll**, **Kathy and Jim Martens**, **Christine and Jim Breitenfeld**, and **Wendy and John Larivee**. Mike is a musician and a retired teacher in Amesbury. Jim Martens is retired as the owner of The Bagel Mill in Peterborough, New Hampshire, and a resident of Sharon in that state. Jim Breitenfeld is a retired Nike salesman in Saratoga Springs, New York. John is retired as the former CEO of Community Resources for Justice in Boston and a resident there. • I had several other messages: one was from **Br. Joe Barnett**, who's a resident of Managua, Nicaragua, where he teaches local residents the skill of beekeeping. • Another was from **Judy Chamberlain Brault**, of Glen Rock, New Jersey. I misstated the name of her late husband, Peter, in my previous column. • Also, I heard from **Richard Mucci**, MA'74, who's retired after having been CEO of New York Life. He keeps busy with board memberships and volunteer work from his homes in Boston and Nantucket. • Also, I got some news from my "happy 70th birthday" calls. **Jack Harrington**, a resident of Brewster, New York, and a retired CFO, along with his wife, Cathie, went to Florida in February and to the top of Mount Washington in September. **Mike Spatola**, who's retired in Hingham from his job as a fundraiser for BC Law, became a grandfather a week before that birthday. He and his wife, Patty, spend winters in South Carolina. • **Brian Corrigan**, of Corona del Mar, California, is still active as a senior managing director of Colliers International. His son, Connor '12, was married in Maine in August. • **John Dervan** writes that he has retired after 37 years as an intervention cardiologist at SUNY Long Island. He and his wife, Nancy, live in the town of St. James. • **Dan Jasinski** reports from Austin, Texas, that he's retired from his second career, that of a college instructor. His first career was as an officer in the Air Force.

• My condolences to the families of the following: **Frances Rega**, MEd '77, who was an English teacher at Revere High School; **Maria Trevisani Nelson**, who taught in the Weymouth school system; and **Charles Gigante**, who was retired after having been CEO of New England Life Care.

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During a recent call, **Shelly Noone Connolly** mentioned that **Dennis and Kathy (Hickey) Barrie** opened a new museum. Kathy sent along this story: "[I] am happy to report that the long-awaited US Olympic & Paralympic Museum did open—and during the pandemic on July 30, 2020! Our firm, Barrie Projects, has been thrilled to be a part of this effort—from developing the feasibility study in 2013, to developing the content and finally securing the last important artifacts to be installed! Amazingly, it's the first comprehensive US Olympic museum—which quickly became the first US Olympic and Paralympic Museum. Due to that important inclusion, we set our sights on developing the most accessible museum in the country in terms of physical interventions that would make the museum enjoyable equally to all visitors, no matter their abilities. The building, by the noted architectural firm DS+R (High Line, MoMA, Lincoln Center, etc.) is simply stunning, and located in Colorado Springs, the home of the US Olympic & Paralympic Committee. It's highly interactive, filled with the full arc of American Olympic and Paralympic stories and achievements." You will find more information and beautiful pictures of Kathy and Dennis's latest project on the internet. • **Ed and Lisa (Kirby) Greissing** write that their daughter Kirby married Matt Conway at Georgetown University on August 8, 2020, with only 10 people allowed in the chapel. Kirby's six brothers took turns going in. Fr. William Byrne, soon to be the new bishop of the Springfield diocese, officiated. • Congratulations to **Kathy Connor**, who retired from the mortgage industry last summer. • Please continue to share Newton news with our classmates, and be safe.

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Greetings, fellow Eagles. • A correction from **Rick Palermo**: "In the fall BC magazine my work information was incorrect. I spent four years as superintendent in Millbury and 14 in Lynnfield." Thanks for setting us straight. • **Robert Boova** is the vice-chair of the cardiovascular surgery division at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University in Philadelphia. All four of his children are BC graduates: Bryan '02, Chrissy '04, Meghan '07, and Katie '10. Mom (Villanova '74) is the only non-Eagle in the family. They now have four

grandchildren, all boys. • A Zoom call with fellow 45 Strathmore Road and Mod roommates from the Class of 1973 was recently organized and included **Jim Cusick** (Tampa), **Terry O'Donnell** (Framingham), **Don MacAloon** (Detroit), **Doug Goransson** (Marblehead), **John Lally** (Atlanta), **Jim Mullin** (Australia), **Pat Gregorius** (Tampa), **Brian Rothwell** (Boston), and **Billy Morin** '74 (Springfield). Everyone is healthy, safe, and for the most part still working, except for Don who is refining his number 8 handicap, and Jim Mullin, who lives near the oceanfront in Australia. • **Raymond Keough** writes: "Hello to all my classmates at BC, especially my teammates on the BC lacrosse team and my fellow future educators in the Lynch School of Education. After 33 years of teaching at Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School, I have retired as a full-time English teacher, but I am now teaching online (as most teachers) for Fitchburg State University and the Community College of Rhode Island. It keeps me busy for sure! I would love to hear from any lax players from BC or from anyone I knew from those days for that matter. Email me at rpkeough@ccri.edu. I hope everyone is doing well in these times and remembering our great times together at the Heights!" • **Paul and Joan (Sennott) Boudreau** have finally moved back to Massachusetts after 45 years of coaching football, 30 of them in the NFL. They enjoy spending time with their five grandkids and their goldendoodle, Dakota. They are proud parents of son Paul '97, the special teams coordinator in Winnipeg for the CFL 2019 Grey Cup Champions, and daughter Jill. Paul Sr. enjoys staying in touch with many of his old teammates at the BC football alumni golf outings.

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Dear classmates, the news this cycle is a little sparse—I'm sure travel has been very limited due to the pandemic. My husband and I (**Kathy Dennen Morris**) had to cancel several trips last spring and summer. In the near future, I'm looking forward to new adventures as well as visiting family and friends! • **Kate Novak Vick** reports that she was able to host a small family COVID-conscious wedding for her son, Charles, and new daughter-in-law, Clare, in September. With plenty of pre-event testing and quarantining, 20 family members and friends were able to attend. Her daughter, Sarah, flew from LA three weeks before so she would have plenty of time to quarantine before the day. Despite the pandemic and necessary precautions, the outdoor event was lovely. The weather was great and they all stayed safe and well! They are so excited to have Clare join their family. The newlyweds just moved into their new home in Randolph, New Jersey. • **Randy and Mimi (Reiley) Vilord** just sold the home where they have lived for more than 40 years. They are moving to a condo in Warwick, New York, which is close to their youngest

daughter and her growing family. • It is with great sadness that I share news of the passing of our classmate **Patty Higgins**, on October 10. • Please remain vigilant and stay safe during the winter.

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Thank you to all who submitted news. I am writing this column in mid-October and hope that when you read it, you and your loved ones are healthy and happy. I won't miss 2020, but we have a lot of good news to share! • **Bernadette (Darcy), MS'82**, and **John Lane** are living in Cambridge and enjoying their perfect baby granddaughter, Lucy Joseph Lane, daughter of Tracy and John Lane Jr. '09—congratulations! • Also joining the grandparents' club are Marie and **Bob McCarthy**, MBA '94, with the birth of Margaret Pond Quesada. Bob has retired from banking; they live in Scituate and spend time in Pocasset. • I got a great note from **Jim Sullivan**, who shared news that his Mod roommate **Jim Staudt**, who has five sons, was blessed with a baby granddaughter in July. I hope all these new babies will keep us young! Jim Sullivan has moved to Asheville, North Carolina. He spent three years writing his first novel, *Children of Galway*, based on the March 18, 1990, theft of 13 paintings worth \$500 million from the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston. The thieves were never caught. He enjoyed writing it, and I am looking forward to reading it. • **Mary Westropp** is very busy being the publicist for the film *This Ain't Normal*. The documentary profiles gang-involved youth in Boston and the street and social workers and organizations that strive to provide help to these teens in danger. • After a brief retirement in 2018, **Kerry Donovan** and **Juan Garcia** moved to Phoenix from Pasadena. The pandemic made them realize how much they missed family, and the last note I received said that they are moving back to Boston. Welcome back! • Best wishes to **John and Nancy (Rosplack) Tesoro**, who celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. They have retired; Nancy was a teacher at Red Bank Catholic High School, and John was a partner at KPMG. John serves on several boards, including the board of trustees of Catholic Charities in central New Jersey. They are grandparents to six boys and one girl and are looking forward to spending more time with them on the Jersey Shore this summer. • **Diane Demartini Meyers** has been a school nurse in New Jersey for 20 years; she loves her job at a school for developmentally disabled children. Thank you to her—and to all nurses, doctors, teachers, and others who have worked so tirelessly for others over the past year. • Please write.

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46TH REUNION

June 2021

Hello, classmates! As we are moving into 2021 and the future, we can look forward to our in-person reunion on campus in June. If pandemic uncertainty prevails, BC is planning a virtual experience the same weekend. Options are open, and BC will keep us updated as they have more information to share. • **Michael Carty's** oldest son, Thomas, has been accepted and will enroll in Carroll College starting in the fall semester of 2021. Carroll College is a Jesuit College with about 1,400 students, located in Helena, Montana. • **Walt Fey** writes: "I had a great social interaction via Zoom with classmates **Sue MacDonald Lomas**, **Connie Capro Gannon**, **Rosann Rubino Della Ventura**, **Teri Malinowski Karamourtopoulos**, **Margarita Gonzalez Newcomer**, **Maureen McGann**, and **Marcus Kim Bucci**, all Class of '75ers, and Anna Lynn Galardi Wheeler, who was at BC for only a year, but what an impression she made.... Most all of us date back to CLX our freshman year, moving on later to Hillside and the Mods. I know I was there at Hillside the Friday evening, I believe, when streaking became a varsity sport at BC—and I was a fan. We're all still singing Beatles songs along with Cat, Elton, and Carole, reminiscing about those oh, so formative years. Let us all give thanks to Doug Flutie '85; now when people ask and I tell them I graduated from BC, they are most often impressed. I am thankful most every day for my BC experience and BFFs." • **Blake Godbout** finished a jury trial on March 12, and the courts of the Commonwealth were closed soon thereafter! "Social distancing" had not yet become embedded in our day-to-day life. Blake writes: "We are very adaptable creatures and have continued to get things done, just in different ways! It has been a crossroads for many, and I am looking forward to what portends for 2021." Blake is still very busy practicing law at his firm but did spend the summer working remotely from Nantucket. • **Dennis '74** and **Nancy (O'Connor) McCleary** have been amazingly busy during the pandemic. Prior to the lockdown, their oldest daughter, Zibby (Elizabeth) '05, MSW'10, and her husband, Ed Ryan '92, moved into the McClearys' household with their toddler, Frances Rosemary, while home searching. The pandemic hit, and they still maintain their residence with Nancy and Dennis—and added a baby girl, Eleanor Fitzgerald, in May! The McClearys' second daughter, Meg, a nurse director at the Brigham, delivered her first baby, Mairead McCleary Cole, so they are now the proud grandparents of three girls! If you look closely at the next home football games, you may see Nancy and Dennis in the stands as cardboard cutouts. Dennis has fun texting during

the games with **John Halcovich**, **Brian Smith**, and **Kevin McDonald '76**. Nancy emails/texts often with **Susan Darveau Murphy**, **Scottie Reid Meehan**, **Candy Kelley McLaughlin MED'82**, **Sally Hanke Lynch**, and **Jan Goldman O'Connor '76**. They greatly miss the fun tailgates and can't wait to get back on campus. • Take care, and let's continue to stay in touch.

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46TH REUNION

June 2021

By now you know that our 45th reunion has been rescheduled to June 2021, so please keep a lookout for details on how to participate either in person or virtually. • With our original May date still on our calendars, **Lee Costello**, **Mary Ferris**, **Carol Fitzsimons**, **Joanne McCarthy Goggins**, **Jo Ann Hilliard Holland**, **Carol Finigan Wilson**, and I connected for a Zoom reunion. Everyone was ready to "see and be seen," with Jo Ann wearing her senior citizen football jersey and Carol Fitzsimons in a beautiful tunic from her trip to India, and a few even had their hair cut! Carol Wilson came armed with some yearbook facts from our four years, including: we were "fashion forward" and wore scarves on our heads when we "dressed up"; Schlitz was the preferred beer; our college librarian was male; we had a drama club; and she was on the yearbook committee, much to her surprise! With several months into COVID restrictions, everyone had found their way managing WFH, family responsibilities, and ever-changing travel and holiday plans, all with health and wellness at the forefront. As we talked about quarantine cooking and eating, Mary shared a great place for BBQ ribs and Southern comfort food in Boston, Darryl's Corner Bar & Kitchen! Joanne had spoken with **Mary Stevens McDermott**, who was staying well and busy on the Cape, and Lee heard from **Helen Fox-O'Brien**. Our collective takeaway after a wonderful time together was that we continue to marvel that our friendships from Newton are everlasting and deep and know no bounds. • It was so nice hearing from **Barbara Trayers Athy**, who was very pleased to report that the Worcester Art Museum has reopened for visitors. She writes: "WAM has been an important part of my life as I've been able to take studio and art history classes there and have served on several committees. Our annual Flora in Winter event will take place both virtually and in person at the end of February. It's an exciting four-day celebration of art and flora, and this will be the fifth year that I've been lucky enough to be one of the arrangers interpreting a piece from the WAM collection. See the museum website for more details, and perhaps I'll find some familiar Newton faces in the galleries!" • I look forward to hearing your news in 2021!

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45TH REUNION

June 2021

Despite these uncertain times, our class reunion is scheduled for June 2021. Veteran committee members have been in contact, and discussions are ongoing with the Alumni Association representatives. **Kenny Brine**, **Virginia Champagne**, **Paul True**, **Judith Cox Marley**, **Steve and Christine Healey McManama**, and **Gerry Shea** are eager to get to work, but obviously we are in wait-and-see mode for the foreseeable future. Let's hope and pray for the best! • **Michael Gee** has enjoyed a fine career in corporate America and has written for *Harvard Business Review*. He wrote "A Nationwide Conversation around Reparations" (July 24, 2020) and "Why Aren't Black Employees Getting More White-Collar Jobs" (February 28, 2018). Check out hbr.org. Mike resides in Washington, D.C. • Recently celebrating 42 years of marriage were **Bern and Debbie (Doyle) Caniff**. They have three grown children and three grandsons. They lived for many years in Lynnfield, but in 2014 they pursued their dream of living on the coast and moved to Swampscott. They have enjoyed many travel adventures and hope to resume when the pandemic recedes. • **Andrea and Mike "Zeeto" Ianzito** reside in Atlanta, where Mike is communications director for Ashton Woods Homes. Their twin daughters departed for college, making them empty nesters. • A denizen of Barrington, Illinois, **Brian Casey** celebrated 43 years of marriage to Mary (Loker) '78. They were blessed with two daughters and a son and now are delighted by two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. • Another Midwesterner, **Katherine Rybak**, resides in Evansville, Indiana. This proud Hoosier worked for Indiana Legal Services for over 40 years and retired last May. She provided civil legal services to low-income and elderly clients. She looks forward to when she can once again visit and care for her grandchildren in England. • **Lawrence and Doris (Pholeric) Gruel**, MED'77, of Kingsville, Maryland, recently celebrated 40 years of marriage. After 44 years of teaching special education, Doris retired last July and plans to spend lots of time with four grandkids who live in Florida. • Please stay safe and sound, and keep in touch. God bless!

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Back on February 2, before the beginning of the pandemic, **Jim McCurdy**, of Andover, and some of his old BC friends (not in age but in length of time, right Jim?) got together in Boston. Mary Ellen Degnan '78, **Larry Feather MED'78**, **Ed Reardon**, and Jim met near the ICA and chatted away while walking the six-mile Harborwalk. They ended the day with a nice dinner at Provisions State Street restaurant near the Aquarium. Jim enjoyed

spending a great day with friends, catching up on family life, getting outside, and reminiscing about their youthful days at BC. Back in the day, they all worked at a Newton Saturday camp (at Westwood's Hale Reservation), as part of Professor John Dacey's ed psych class. They all have fond memories of the kids, the student counselors, and the staff. Mary Ellen, Ed, Larry, and Jim all retired recently and look forward to new chapters in their lives. Jim sends special thanks to Larry for making the drive up from Pine Brook, New Jersey, for the weekend, and to Mary Ellen for flying in from Columbia, Missouri! •

Cheryl Carleton's youngest daughter, Carolyn Asher, is a senior at BC. Although the restrictions brought forth by the pandemic have made it more difficult to move back on campus, it was a great trip down memory lane for Cheryl when she moved Carolyn into the Mods this past August. Cheryl lived in the Mods in her junior year at BC as well. She and Carolyn had a great time in autumn 2019, when they attended a football game tailgate party! She was very surprised by the extent to which the BC campus has changed! Cheryl has three other daughters and has been an economics professor at Villanova University for the past 35 years. • **Peninnah Cooper Kanzi**, of Atlanta, notes that the pandemic has been a very challenging and unusual situation for many. As an undergraduate in 1975, she decided to change her "healthy lifestyle" to a "more healthy" one and has maintained it ever since. She writes: "That single decision made over 46 years ago has literally saved my life through many challenging life situations." She is grateful to have made it safely through the pandemic so far and adds: "There is hope, with faith and the will to do what the body, mind, and spirit need to do in order to protect oneself." • **Jackie Gonzalez**, of Dripping Springs, Texas, has written a book about CEOs' impact on company culture and the importance of culture in trying to unite people of disparate opinions around common goals. For more information about her book, titled *Creating Culture: Why Some Organizations Thrive While Others Survive*, visit j2gassociates.com/books. A portion of all proceeds go to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. • **Linda Schiller McKelligan** retired and moved from Massachusetts to Pawleys Island, South Carolina, in January 2017. After 40 years in the educational field, she retired from Walpole Public Schools as director of student services.

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Greetings to all during these strange and different times. The law of averages suggests that some of you may have been affected (and/or infected?) with COVID-19. I, myself, was tested twice (negative) and sadly my BC roommate/Mod-mate, Donna Jones '77, died from what is thought to have been

complications of COVID. I pray by the time this issue is in your hands that the virus is finally more under control than not. • Now on to more pleasant news—although with a slight COVID slant: **George Ravanis** was excited to announce in October that he was celebrating the re-opening of his restaurant, Frank's Steak House, in Cambridge. "COVID closed us, but we are back!" he wrote. George is celebrating ownership of 46 years of New England's longest-running steak house. The eatery has been named a *Phantom Gourmet* favorite (*Phantom* is a food-related TV program featuring profiles of New England-area restaurants), and the steak house has also appeared on the Food Network. George sends a shout-out to his BC golf partners, Greg Gailius '77, Greg Stewart '80, Joe Carter '80, Fr. Kevin MacDonald, Jim Conroy, Bob Meara '79, Steve Craft '80, Dave Cullinane '80, and Tim Dachos '79. "Great guys, great friends, great ballplayers, okay golfers." His words, not mine! • Speaking of words, **Terrence Crimmins**, MAT '05, reports that his third novel, *Ghetto Teacher*, based on his 10 years of teaching history in Baltimore City Public Schools, is coming out in early 2022, and will look into the "terrible problems in urban education that seriously need to be addressed," he said. Congratulations, Terrence! • Once again—and I feel like a broken record here—please send in any updates, professional or personal news, retirement plans, trips taken, etc. Inquiring minds really do want to know. Thank you!

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Kerry O'Mahony writes: "My fiancé, Toshifumi Bekku, and I were due to marry in May 2020, but our plans got upended by the pandemic since his family could not travel from Japan, nor could my family travel from England." Thus the wedding date was moved to October 4, 2020, and the event changed to a small civil ceremony, with a church wedding planned for next year, date to be determined. Kerry continues: "We moved into a lovely home by the shore in the picturesque village of Rowayton, Connecticut, in April 2020. Toshi is a retired partner from E&Y; I will work for another couple of years as a senior recruiter for an aerospace and defense company in Connecticut. We both love to travel and hike and climb mountains."

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41ST REUNION June 2021

Lawrence Casey, a shareholder at Davis, Malm & D'Agostine, was named in three top legal publications: 2020 *Massachusetts Super Lawyers: Employment & Labor*; *The Best Lawyers in America 2021: Litigation-Labor & Employment*; and 2020 *Chambers USA: Labor & Employment, Mainly Plaintiffs Representation* (Band 2). • **Harold Regan** writes that he is "looking forward to

retirement in few years." • **Doreen Cook Hope** announced that she and her husband, Gregory, have finally reached "empty nester" status in the D.C. Metro area. Their daughter, Nia, is settling into her third year at NYU, and their son, Noah, who just graduated from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney, Maryland, is playing this year for Team Maryland's EHL junior ice hockey team and taking a class at Seton Hall. Doreen says she's looking forward to participating in more BC alumni activities and winding down her legal career.

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40TH REUNION June 2021

It's our 40th reunion year! Mark your calendars to participate the first weekend in June! Our Reunion Committee, chaired by **Rich Canning** and **Meg McGrory Kelleher**, is planning Reunion Weekend and events leading up to it, so be sure to watch your inbox for details! • **John Stack** recently retired from American Express in New York City as senior VP and looks forward to life's next chapter. • After a three-year stint with the Buffalo Bills and a long career in the real estate business in the Boston area, **Mark Roopenian** is managing director of DivcoWest Real Estate Investments, where he is developing Cambridge Crossing, a 45-acre, mixed-use commercial and residential project, the largest project in the history of Cambridge. Mark is married to his BC sweetheart, Kirsten Nicholson, and they have three children and one amazing little grandson! • From Lakeville, **William McGurk** reports that his sons are both launched successfully into the world and will go further than he did! Alex (Connecticut College '17) is transferring from the University of Rochester to Cornell University to continue his PhD studies in immunology. Colin (College of the Holy Cross '19) commissioned into the US Navy on graduation, completed Navy Nuclear Power School and joins our submarine fleet this winter. • Congratulations to **Brian Murphy**, who is an editor on the foreign desk at the *Washington Post* and part of the team that won the Pulitzer Prize in 2020 for explanatory journalism for a series of stories on climate change hot spots around the world. He has also published his fourth book, *Adrift: A True Story of Tragedy on the Icy Atlantic and the One Who Lived to Tell About It* (DeCapo, 2018), recounting the story of an 1856 shipwreck and its sole survivor. • **Bob Shea** recently moved to the law firm of Beck Reed Riden in Boston, where he is a partner practicing labor and employment law. • Brac's and my first grandson, Cryder Thomas Stanwick (another prospect for BC's Class of 2042!), was born on March 14, 2020, the same day the *Baltimore Sun's* headline screamed "National Emergency!" He has certainly been a bright spot in an otherwise tough year. I am about to wind up my term as the 132nd president

of the Virginia Bar Association, the oldest and largest voluntary bar association in Virginia. It has been a year of dealing with governor's orders, emergency legislation, and crisis management, but serving has been the highlight of my professional career (although I must admit I'm just a tad glad it's over!). • See you in June!

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Jennifer Pline, MBA '87, is living in Wellesley with her husband, Hans Oettgen. They have two daughters, Hannah and Charlotte, who have flown the nest but are living close by. Jennifer is currently an EVP and head of wealth management at Cambridge Trust after long stints at two other investment management firms. She credits her love of investing to two faculty members: Hassan Tehranian and George Aragon. • **Carol Vadimsky Spicer** shared that, after a successful career as a legal services lawyer, with stints as a teacher and a librarian, at long last she is publishing her writing for children under the name June Seas and the imprint Carolingian Press. She hopes all can find the time, space, energy, and peace to pursue purposes on hold during a busy lifetime. • **Barry Lyden** is proud to boast that his daughter Shea is a freshman at Boston College! • **John Ragucci** is also glowing with pride that his daughter Gianna is also a member of the Class of 2024! • Congratulations to all on their accomplishments. Praying for the Class of 1982 and wishing you all an abundance of health and happiness in the new year ahead.

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From **Mike O'Neil**: "I am very sad to report that we lost our dear friend, classmate, roommate, BC Eagle hockey teammate and brother, **Bob 'Okie' O'Connor**, to melanoma on August 21, 2020. He was 59. Okie was a world-class goalie and NHL draft pick—and a better husband to wife Carolyn and their three first-round picks, Ian, Kyle, and Brice. He leaves behind 'Okie's Angels' (the life partners of his sons): Blaine, Sam and LeighAnn, along with grandsons Declan and Keegan O'Connor. 'The Cat,' as we called him, will be forever missed but never forgotten." • **Gina Bough Sisti's** daughter Christina graduated in 2020 from Tulane University, where she played for the women's tennis team. She is now an analyst for Ernst & Young at their Hoboken office. Gina's son, Andrew, graduated in 2018 from Bowdoin, where he played football as the kicker, and entered NYU College of Dentistry in July. Gina is a licensed real estate broker for Houlihan Lawrence, Scarsdale office, and lives in Westchester with her husband. She went to Petra and the Holy Land last summer and reports it was her favorite trip ever! She looks forward to turning 60 and to our 40th BC reunion! • **Christine Raines** retired from a 35-plus-year, very successful

career on Wall Street, the past 14 years as a managing director, and recently started a position at Ability Beyond as a life skills coach for cognitively impaired adults. She was a volunteer at Rosary Hill Home, a Catholic cancer hospice in Hawthorne, New York—founded by Rose Hawthorne, daughter of American novelist Nathaniel Hawthorne—until the coronavirus shut out volunteers. • In August, **John and Caryn (Bollhofer) Wolak** celebrated the marriage of their daughter, Julia '16, a Connell School of Nursing alumna, to Matthew Munfakh '16. The immediate families of the bride and groom were present for an intimate wedding ceremony in Charleston, South Carolina. John and Caryn have three children and reside in New Jersey. Julia and Matthew have settled in Chicago. • **Thomas Egger** is now in his 29th year at Emergency Physicians Professional Association in Minneapolis. He writes it is quiet at home with his three sons far afield: Thomas Jr. (27), a USMC grad, is a captain in the US Marine Corps and a former infantry officer with recent deployment to the South Pacific; Andrew (24), a Colby College alumnus with a major in physics and also a Marine, is now a first lieutenant in jet fighter school for F-18 and F-35 aircraft; and Matthew (19) is a sophomore studying international relations and Chinese at Durham University in the UK. Thomas remains busy with work as well as doing home repair, assisting an elderly mother, and training for Nordic ski racing and triathlons. While his work as an ER physician has isolated him from friends and family due to his frequent exposure to COVID patients, he has managed so far to stay healthy!

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Greetings! • **Greg Swenson** is a partner with Brigg Macadam in London. His firm arranges private capital investment in emerging and frontier markets in Africa, the Middle East, and Eastern Europe. He is also a commentator on *CNN International*, *BBC News*, and other media. • **John Di Masi** is both excited and proud that his son, John "Jack" Di Masi, is in the Class of '23 at BC's Carroll School of Management. It gives John and his family another reason to visit the Heights. • After retirement from Verizon as a central office tech in communications, **Barbara Lyons** worked four years for St. Catherine's in Norwood. She is now with the Norwood Public Schools as a special needs bus monitor, a job she loves. • **Mark Caola** had dinner in the North End with his daughter Sarah, Class of '22, and fellow Eagles Karen (Ellinghaus) '85 and **Frank Carpenito** and **Mike Larkin**. Mark writes it was so nice to catch up and share fun stories about "The Boys of C-24." • **Marietta Phillips** accepted a civil servant position as an embedded clinical social worker with the US Air Force. • **Laura Forte** continues to volunteer with Ovarian Cancer Research Alliance to advocate for ovarian cancer patients in memory of her

sister. Laura's work includes supporting cancer research funding and the clinical trial system. The pandemic has impacted the health and safety of all cancer patients, and they need our support. • Now that her daughter is off to college, **Ann-Marie Lebeau Heidingsfelder** has entered the PhD program in organizational and industrial psychology at Liberty University. As a leadership development consultant, coach, and workshop facilitator, Ann-Marie is fulfilling her lifelong passion for learning and career vision in thought leadership. She is excited to see where the program leads in her research and practical implications. • With sadness, I report that on January 22, 2020, our classmate **Stephen Mingolla** ended his long battle with MS/ALS. He had a long career at Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton and served as the PGA Tournament co-director from 1985 to 1995. He accomplished many challenging goals throughout life, including completing the 2004 Boston Marathon. He supported many charities. Stephen leaves his wife, Melissa, and children Stephen, Matthew, Isabelle, Michelle, and Christopher. In Stephen's last days, a smile came to his face while reminiscing with classmates **John Miller**, **Mark Perron**, and **Michael Goodberlet**.

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36TH REUNION June 2021

Miguel Jurado is living in Athens, Georgia, happy that his kids have finished college and are healthy! Miguel is working as a hospital-based physician, with daily teaching of trainees. • Roommates **Eileen McCarthy**, **Grace Bergdahl McNamara**, **Kate O'Boyle Kummerer**, and **Nancy Bryant Ingram** (otherwise known as the Super Mega Ultra Vixens of 733W), and honorary roommate **Marc McNamara** celebrated their reunion with a Zoom happy hour. The highlight was a Cameo video appearance by **Doug Flutie**, who congratulated the roommates. Doug also got a big kick out of the news that his picture graced the walls of the roommates' Ressie apartment with the inscription "all 5' 9" of me is not enough for you." • **Paul Panariello** recently sold the company he cofounded in 1996. **Michael Andresino**, a partner at Arent Fox LLP, has served as outside counsel for Paul's company since formation and led the final sales transaction. Paul lives in Milton with his wife, Jane. Paul spends his time relaxing, cooking, reading, skiing, and playing golf. • **Terry and Sharon (Staley) Richardson** announce the wedding of their daughter Kate '14 to Paul Weinand '14 in October 2019. They are a family of six Eagles, including their son, Michael '13, and his wife, Sarah Catherine (Haines) Richardson '13, MTS'15. Many friends attended, including **Bill and Lauren (Garrity) Fotos**, **Jim and Michelle (Lagarce) Bowman**, **David '82 and Angela (Quinn) Crispi**, and **Steve and Sheryl (Branch) Simoes**. The BC fight song was played and sung loudly and proudly

by 30 BC alumni! • In lieu of their 35th class reunion, **Ann Casas-Sherry** MBA'93, **Mary Roddy Maguire**, **Diana Garcia Farrell**, and **Maureen Campanella** MBA'93 met at the home of **Anna Faustini-Tumeniuk** for their yearly get-together. Anna writes it was "great to see everyone after such an unpredictable year!"

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35TH REUNION

June 2021

Hi, '86 Eagles! I hope everyone is staying safe and happy during these crazy pandemic times and finding ways to connect to your family and friends—makes you really appreciate all the fun times and freedoms we have had, especially in our BC days. Thanks to everyone who wrote in with news to share with our '86 classmates, and please keep the emails coming—I love hearing from everyone! • Unfortunately, **Stephen Flatley** wrote in with sad news that his sister **Laura Flatley Lacey** '84 passed away on July 26, 2020. Stephen, our deepest sympathy to you and your family. • **Patricia Dorsey Kelmar** has moved to Alexandria, Virginia, and joined US PIRG as health-care campaigns director, working on state and federal policy to improve health-care value for all. Patricia, congratulations and good luck. • **Jim Ryder** and **Louise**, his wife of 20 years, sent their first two sons off to college this fall—to Central Michigan University and Mercyhurst University in Pennsylvania. Jim is starting to work on a master's in religious studies at the University of Detroit Mercy. He gives a shout-out to everyone from Cushing Hall, second floor. Thanks, Jim, and hope you can come to the 35th reunion and see your Cushing pals in person. • **Greg Rowe** and his wife, **Emily**, became first-time grandparents with the birth of **Jackson James Duval** to their daughter in Cincinnati. Married just one month after graduating from BC, "Grandpa Greg and Granny Em" have four grown children, a daughter-in-law, and a son-in-law: **Brinkley** and **Anna**, of New York City; **Chelsea** and **Rusty**, of Cincinnati; **Hubbell**, of Butte, Montana; and **Ally**, of Cincinnati. Greg and Emily, congratulations and so great to hear from you! They send a shout-out to **Patrick Garry** and any other Cincinnati Eagles. • **Susan Evans Hanly** received her MS in nursing from Sacred Heart University in August 2019. She was the oldest student in her graduating class! She has worked as an RN for almost 35 years and has practiced in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Ireland. She writes: "The last 20 years I have been a middle school nurse in my hometown of Westford. Looking towards retirement, I am hoping to use my MSN degree to teach nursing students online or in an AD program." Her family has continued to grow: married now for 33 years, she has four grown children (two boys and two girls), three grandchildren, a daughter-in-law,

and a son-in-law. She has stayed in touch over the years with fellow BC '86ers **Nancy Connors Mignosa** MS'93, **Tricia Casey Sullivan**, **Mary Lou Burke Afonso**, **Maureen Walsh Giggey**, **Cheryl Wade Murphy**, **Kerry Moroney White**, **Maureen Connaugh Apap**, **Lisa Palmieri Walsh**, **Kathy Igoe Crowley**, and **Kathy Parks Hoffman**. • I look forward to hearing from everyone and am really excited to see (hopefully mask-free) all of our '86 Eagles at our 35th reunion in June. A special thanks in advance to our Reunion Committee chairs, **Kathy Daley Beam**, **Peter Bell**, **Mikey Murphy Hoag**, and **Rene Jones**, and all their awesome volunteer committee members. You guys rock, and we appreciate all your hard work. I hope everyone is living the "social distance" dream. Stay safe and happy.

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Karen Martin Della-Giustina, a colonel in the US Army Reserve, served on the front lines in New York City during the pandemic, caring for patients at Queens Hospital, which was a COVID-19 epicenter in April and May. She led a task force of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and medical assistants over two months, making a positive impact for Queens and saving many lives. • **Barry Mitchell Jr.**, a proud BC parent (Class of '21), continues to be a successful financial advisor at UBS Financial Services Inc. For the third year in a row, he was recognized by *Forbes* as a Best-in-State Wealth Advisor. Barry is currently ranked by *Forbes* as No. 14 in New York State—up one spot from 2019. • In October, attorney **Peter Roberts** joined Cozen O'Connor's bankruptcy, insolvency, and restructuring practice, as restructurings, workouts, and bankruptcies spiked in many industries throughout the United States. Peter and his wife, **Jennifer**, live in Glenview, Illinois, with their two daughters. Jennifer serves as a commissioner of the Glenview Park District. • **Gerard Lorden** writes: "It's official, Janet (Surenian) '89 and I are empty nesters, with a Class of 2024 Eagle on our hands. We are looking forward to reintroducing ourselves to one another and continuing to work on making a difference. Janet is transitioning into cyber security governance, and I will continue working at the crosshairs of finance and national security. I was thrilled and humbled by being nominated and accepted into the Military Order of the Carabao this past year." • **Carolyn Elvidge Loucas** has been living in Boston's South End since graduation! She and her husband, **Tom**, raised their daughters, **Lindsey** and **Lydia**, in Boston, and, she writes, it was a complete adventure. Lindsey is currently a junior at BU, and Lydia a senior at Thayer Academy, so there is still hope for a future BC grad. After a corporate career in sales and operations, Carolyn launched her home and office organizing business, Carolyn Loucas Professional Organizer, five years ago. She adds: "First person to

be recognized at our 25th reunion? My husband, **Tom**, by **Jerry Frost**, on the steps of McElroy." • Physician **Claudia Morris** received an \$8.7 million grant at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for research on a drug for sickle cell pain. • **Wendy Horton Lash** writes: "After waiting 32 years, I finally received my master of science degree in interdisciplinary studies/K-8 math specialist from Virginia Commonwealth University in July 2019. This past June, I became an elementary mathematics instructional specialist in the curriculum and development department of Newport News Public Schools in Virginia, where I've been a teacher and math interventionist for over 26 years. I'm so grateful to BC for providing a wonderful foundation, especially in mathematics education. I'm also happy to have another teacher in the family. My youngest, **Caroline**, is studying to be a teacher at James Madison University and will graduate in May 2023." • **Judy Vogtle Varney**, her Mod-15B roommates, and their friends started a weekly Zoom call back in March and have been keeping it up ever since. **Monica Geary Steeves** MS'89, **Linda Czyryca Shea**, **Terry Sullivan Montminy**, **Jeanne Higgins Clemmey**, **Meg Nann Hayden** '88, **Claudia Morris**, **Mary Ronan Kelley**, **Lauren Haynes Concannon** '89, and **Kelly Gaudette Stein** have been enjoying "seeing" each other on a weekly basis—a silver lining in this crazy time of coronavirus. • **Mark Haddad** recently received the coveted Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer (CMKBD) designation from the National Kitchen and Bath Association. He is the founder and president of Interiology Design Co. in Watertown. He and his team (including **Nicki Mauro**, JD'85, MBA'88) help to transform homes into luxurious, inspiring spaces that express the distinctive style of their residents. Mark resides in Belmont with wife **Cindy** and their two children. • **Leslie Bilodeau Placzek**'s new humor book, *The Audacious Adventures of Zazoo Plazz: Part-Time Superhero, Full-Time Mom*, was on Amazon's top 10 new releases in the parent and families humor category. In it, she describes her life from childhood in Hartford, Connecticut, to her present role as a 21st-century career woman. She and her husband, **Gary**, have been married for 25 years and have two sons, **Ben** (20) a junior at the University of New Haven, and **Zach**, a high school senior. Leslie writes: "I treasure the memories of my years at Boston College, which set me up for my quirky quest to spread a little light and laughter in the world."

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Bob Rivers was recently inducted into the Massachusetts Chapter of the American College of Trial Lawyers. He is one of only 129 practicing lawyers in all of Massachusetts who have received this recognition. He practices family law at the Boston firm of Lee & Rivers. • **Laura Nelson**

is living in Westport, Connecticut, working at Nielsen in communications and staying safe during this pandemic. Son Charlie just entered BC in the Class of 2024! He's not having Mom's Newton experience but loving Upper nonetheless. • **Sheila Campbell Corkhill** MSW '89, **Joan Cloherty Hillmer**, **Katy Clark**, and **Carol Palmer Winig** had a mini BC reunion, COVID-style, at Lookout Farm in Natick. They said that it was great to catch up and they'll try to plan a bigger reunion at the Cape this fall with **Kim Lennon Burke**, **Sue Moynihan Keating**, **Kathy O'Connor Morrisroe**, **Erin Fleming Puleo**, and others. • In September, **Donna Graham-Stewartson** was the moderator of the Gwen Ifill Community Meeting at the Gwen Ifill College of Media, Arts, and Humanities at Simmons University. Donna writes: "The theme of the intergenerational discussion between students and the college's advisory board members was Gwen Ifill's legacy today. It was a lively discussion about the racial justice issues and the lack of women, especially women of color, in journalism." • **Carol Palmer Winig** was on a social-distance roll, joining **Patti Carroll Schipelliti** and birthday girls **Moir Clancy Riccio** and **Ann Kulevich Kane** in the North End for outdoor dining. • **Kim Johnston-Brooks** spent months walking the halls of Congress knocking on doors, testified before the House Committee on Oversight and Reform, was part of a documentary soon to be in theaters, wrote articles, joined the board of the Stronghold Freedom Foundation, and contacted hundreds of members of Congress and Senators in an effort to pass legislation and raise awareness for 10,100 American service men and women who were exposed to toxic contaminants and radiation in service to our nation after 9/11. Kim's husband, LTC Timothy Brooks, USMA 1989, was one of them—he died in May 2004. Kim and Tim—brother of Mod-36B roommate **Maureen Brooks Ross**—met at a BC vs. Army football game in September 1987. It is for Tim and the other families that she advocates—for their recognition for their service to our nation. I encourage you to read about it at strongholdfreedomfoundation.org. • **David and Sue (Connolly) DeGeorge** planned a return to the Heights with others to see their children graduate. Unfortunately, we know how that turned out. The DeGeorges and **Patrick and Colleen (Daly) Coffey** enjoyed hanging out at football games these last four years as their children attended BC. Congratulations to Class of 2020 graduates **Tara Coffey** and **Alex DeGeorge**! Of note, Tara is the third Coffey child to graduate from BC, and Alex could be spotted on the field each weekend with the Screaming Eagles Marching Band, leading the drums section. • I'll close with a heart- and dinner-warming story. **Heather Guerriero Dans**, a senior sales manager at Monogram Appliances, and **Alan Stern**, MA'88, of George Washington Toma appliance company, worked together to assist **Kathleen Rock Snow '87** in fully replacing a Monogram range after she had

been waiting more than eight weeks for back-ordered parts. With the range still under warrantee, Alan and Heather worked some BC magic, and within two weeks of contact, a new, identical range was in place and working beautifully!

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In March, **Karen Gately Herrick** won her first seat on the Reading Select Board, championed by her BC Eagle campaign team led by Angela Binda '86 and treasurer/spouse Stephen Herrick '85. Karen and Stephen also caught up with **Ann Tierney La Follette**, her husband, Jim, and their high school freshman son, Tim, at their new "we can work from anywhere" Kennebunkport home.

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31ST REUNION June 2021

Hello, classmates! I hope you are all doing well and managing life in our new normal. While it was disappointing to not have our 30th reunion, there is hope for 2021! • We send thoughts and prayers to the family of **Donna Morrissey**, a longtime American Red Cross executive, who passed away in May from COVID-19. Donna had also been the first lay female cabinet secretary for the Archdiocese of Boston. • **Dave and Karen (Noble) Chicco**, JD'93, are thrilled that their son David has joined the BC Class of 2024. They hope he makes as many great friends as they did during their four years! For the 30th reunion weekend, the Chiecos hosted a Zoom reunion with **Mike Joyce**, **Lenny Enos**, **Ellen McGuinn**, **Mary Doherty**, **Mike Johnson**, **Greg Gonser**, and **Jeff Reilly**. Many wore togas in honor of the toga party they had on Gatsby Night in 1990. They look forward to getting together with everyone again in person, hopefully in the near future. • **John Forbes**, of Atlanta, father of three, writes that 17 years ago, his oldest son began kindergarten and now—after approximately 28,472 practices, games, recitals, and competitions—their third and youngest has graduated from high school. All three children are away at school, and John misses the times when braces and Catholic school tuition were their chief expenses! They are hoping the family greyhound, Alice, can cope. • **Charlie Wagner** has stayed in the Boston area since graduation and currently lives in Medfield. He had a busy and exciting last year, his first as EVP and CFO of Vertex Pharmaceuticals, a leading biotech company with four medicines approved for the treatment of cystic fibrosis. In 2020, Charlie and wife Susie celebrated their 25th anniversary. Their daughter Molly is at Holy Cross, having returned from a semester in Melbourne, Australia. Son Griffin '23 is at BC's Carroll School, making it more fun for Susie and Charlie to come back to campus! Their youngest, Charlotte, is a talented

dancer. • Be well, everyone, and keep sending your news!

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30TH REUNION June 2021

Lots of news—if you don't see yours here, please know it will be in the next issue! • **Sean Salene** and **Robert "DJ" Simon** hosted **Heming Nelson** for a small 51st-birthday dinner in Alexandria, Virginia. The event featured an extraordinary number of buffalo wings (96), a boatload of blue cheese dressing (ballpark a pint, maybe a quart) and three small side salads (ask Hem, it might be to balance). The avalanche of wings proved more than the three former roommates and Boston College Rugby Football Club teammates could eat. Alas, Father Time has taken his toll. Sean's new job at the Department of State keeps him busy. Sean is a brigadier general in the Marines, but he is seconded to the U.S. Special Representative for Afghanistan Reconciliation, Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, to support the peace process in Afghanistan. Having served previously in Helmand Province, Sean feels honored to help in this important effort to end the war and to try to find a way for all the sacrifices that have been made, by so many people over so many years, to be worthwhile in the end. Sean sends his best wishes for the health and safety of all our class and their families. "Semper fidelis to the Class of 1991!" • **Karen O'Malley**, co-chair of the retail, restaurant, and consumer group and pro bono committee at Goulston & Storrs in Boston, has been named a 2020 "Top Woman of Law" by *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly* for her exceptional achievements as a "pioneer, educator, trailblazer, and role model." • **Janet Prutzman Ruyak's** daughter, Josie '24, graduated from Reno High School and is now a freshman at Boston College—living in Fitzpatrick Hall, just like her mom did! Her son, Calvin, graduated from West Point in June and is now a second lieutenant at Fort Lewis in Tacoma, Washington. • **John Jones** is working for Blue Skies Consulting, a boutique business management consulting firm focused primarily on the life science industry. John and his wife, Pamme, celebrated their 26th anniversary in October. Their daughter, Sophie, completed her master's degree in nursing at Case Western Reserve University and is now a medical ICU nurse in Cleveland. Their son Evan is taking time off from the University of Pittsburgh to start his own skateboard and clothing line. Son Grant is doing a postgrad year at Deerfield Academy this year and has committed to Bucknell University to play football.

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Hi, everyone! Hope you and your families are doing well. Thanks to those who sent in updates. Please keep us posted if you have news to share, thanks so much! • **Robert Sullivan**, MBA'01, was elected the 50th mayor of the city of Brockton and sworn into office in January 2020. A Brockton native, after BC he earned his JD from New England Law. Prior to being elected mayor, he served on the Brockton City Council as a councilor-at-large and was council president five times. Robert is a volunteer youth soccer, baseball, and basketball coach in Brockton, where he lives with his wife, Maria, and their three children. He was supported in his campaign by many BC alumni, including his siblings, Kara '88, Suzanne '89, and Ryan '97; his father, Robert MA'95, CAES'97; and many 1992 graduates. • **Al Riviezzo** writes: "In late 2019, my family and I moved to Dublin for a three-year, expat assignment for work. We just completed our first year in Ireland, half of which has been in lockdown. It has been an amazing experience, especially for our two daughters (ages 7 and 9). I hope to get involved with our local BC Ireland team soon. I encourage anyone to contact me if they visit Ireland." • **Elizabeth Fearon Pepperman** was named chairwoman of New York City's Public Art Fund, which mounts dynamic contemporary art exhibitions in New York City. During the pandemic, Public Art Fund mounted a massive outdoor exhibition, *Art on the Grid*, with powerful works of art exhibited on bus shelters and digital advertising spaces. Public Art Fund recently partnered with LaGuardia Airport to commission four permanent installations by internationally renowned artists. Elizabeth, an attorney and arts advocate, lives in Greenwich Village with her husband and four children. • In 2019, **Doug Weners** cofounded Prospero Health, a home-based health-care provider focused on serving seniors with serious illness. The company now has 300 employees and serves 7,000 patients across 10 states. Doug writes: "I'm proud to be joined in this venture by classmate and good friend **Ed Ryan**, who leads marketing and communications, as well as BC alumna **Annamarie Tenn '10**, Prospero's general counsel." • It is with great sadness that I share news that our classmate **Rhea Hale** passed away in April from non-small cell lung cancer. Our sincere condolences go out to her family and friends.

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Here it is, mid-October, and whether you have little kids, high schoolers, college kiddos, or teachers in your lives, we are struggling through a brutal school year like no other. I still hold out a dream that BC'93 can make MLK weekend a 50th celebration in Scottsdale, Arizona. If you are brave, book a room at the Westin Kierland. I'm betting I'll be there! • **Heather Costello**

Sullivan, ME'99, wants to know how you'll celebrate your 50th? She wrote in from Pembroke, where she and husband Rich just celebrated their 20th anniversary. Their daughter is a high school senior and their son is in middle school. Heather is in her 25th year teaching middle school English in Hingham and keeps in touch with BC roomie **Julie Taylor-Massey**, MBA'96, who's in Denver. • Journalist and author **Dave Wedge** released two books in 2020, both written with coauthor Casey Sherman: *Hunting Whitey: The Inside Story of the Capture and Killing of America's Most Wanted Crime Boss* and the updated paperback edition of their *New York Times* bestseller 12: *The Inside Story of Tom Brady's Fight for Redemption*. Dave and Casey also have a new true-crime thriller coming out in December that they co-wrote with James Patterson, *The Last Days of John Lennon*. A former reporter at the *Boston Herald*, Dave has signed a deal for his next book, *SLAM: Taking Down the Notorious Pagan Motorcycle Club*, which will be released via William Morrow in 2021. He and Casey also wrote *Boston Strong: A City's Triumph over Tragedy*, which was adapted for the Mark Wahlberg film *Patriots Day*. (Wow, Dave, thanks for making the rest of us feel like slackers! Kidding! Very impressed with all you've done! Congrats!) • **Sean Curran**, board secretary and co-chair of the Building Our Future Campaign at the Boston Arts Academy Foundation, has been honored with a fund to support students with disabilities. The Full Inclusion Fund, with a goal of raising \$500,000 by December 31, will provide BAA with additional funding to help students overcome an array of challenges by including clinicians in classrooms; providing professional development for faculty; and enhancing existing tutoring, counseling, and summer reading programs. • Remember, I am writing this in the middle of October, so whenever you read it, that is how long the turnaround time is for news. If you share updates, it does take a while to see 'em, and this is hardly a place for breaking class news. That can be found on our Facebook page: facebook.com/groups/bostoncolleg93/

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1994

Dan Hayes was recently promoted to the position of supervisory trial counsel at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in Chicago. • **Cheryl Mastrogiovanni** has published a children's book about a boy who attends his first Bruins game in Boston—"because, of course, for those who know me, what else would I write a children's book about!" she writes. You can email Carol at bruins7701@gmail.com or visit her website: bruins7701.wixsite.com/cherylmastrogiovanni.

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1995

26TH REUNION
June 2021

Karen Flaherty Bell was promoted to assistant VP in the Office of the General Counsel at Brown Brothers Harriman in Boston, where she has worked since 2016. She lives in Canton with her husband of 22 years, Jim, and their two daughters, Veronica and Sabrina, students at Canton High School, classes of 2021 and 2025, respectively. • **Stephen Riden**, JD'99, writes: "Like many, I was disappointed our 25th reunion had to be canceled. After all these years, I'm still living in Boston with my wife, Siri Nilsson, JD'11, and our two young children. On the professional front, this summer we celebrated the 10th anniversary of my law firm, Beck Reed Riden LLP. I maintain close ties with BC, as I am currently serving as president of the BC Law School Alumni Association Board. I look forward to getting together with old friends in person again once it's safe to do so."

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1996

25TH REUNION
June 2021

Embarking on a new venture, **Stephanie Hillstrom Dawson** has created and launched a new family mindfulness app, myKinCloud (mykincloud.com). The app, she writes, "is designed to help deepen connections with families or those closest to you through daily mindfulness habits in a private app experience. These are difficult times, so hopefully our app can bring families a little bit of happiness." • **Nicole Franconere Ward** was recently promoted to deputy commissioner of the Albany County Department for Children, Youth and Families. Her son graduated with his BS in finance in May 2020 and is currently pursuing his MBA. • Also recently promoted, **Rebecca Sanford Andrews**, MS'98, writes: "Normally I prefer reading about others, but my boys insisted I send in information about my banner year. Before 2020 brought all the craziness of COVID, I was promoted to full professor at UConn School of Medicine, named a 2020 Women of Innovation finalist, started my role as the chair-elect for the American College of Physicians Board of Governors, and, best of all, sent my oldest to college to study chemistry and math!" • And speaking of the "craziness of COVID," **Julie DeMatteo-Lane**—together with BC friends—offers a lighthearted take: "It has been overheard by those in the know that with fans restricted from attending Boston College home football games, the Sheraton Needham is currently filing for bankruptcy because their favorite barfly—**Dawn O'Brien**, JD'99—did not make reservations for extended stays on football weekends. Additionally, BC officials are shocked by the sudden overgrowth of the green

grass at the Robsham Wall. An inside source shared that due to Julie DeMatteo-Lane and the Lane Family Tailgate Empire, established by John V. Lane '61, being shut out of attending home games, the earth has begun to heal itself from years of abuse by that legacy of alumni from the Classes of 1961 through 2024, which include Jack Lane '94, MS'98; Robert Lane '84; Mary Lou Lane-McCarthy '86; Julie DeMatteo-Lane; Clodagh Lane '16; Declan Lane '19; Eoin Lane '20; and Olivia Lane '23. The sales of tickets have taken a dramatic hit in the absence of **Travis Buonocore's** buying blocks for all of Long Island. **Dan McDonald** reports from Queens that he has developed a severe addiction to scented candles and continues to hunt for the perfect blend of spilled beer and cheap hotdogs to bring back memories of his time at the Heights. **Sha-Sha Shiau**, from the far-flung reaches of our great nation, has followed sports and all things Boston from California, notably falling revenues at Cityside, though hopeful that one trip east and reuniting with friends will help reverse that trend. **Melissa Hogan** continues to groom her son, Reilly, towards a future as a BC Eagle running back though rumor has it he may have one eye turned toward the green and gold archenemies to our west. **Kathy Day** is once again at the helm of our 25th reunion, for which we all owe her a great deal of gratitude as she attempts to wrangle the unruly Class of 1996 into order prior to June 2021."

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1997

I hope all of you are healthy and doing well as we begin a new year! • **Sheila Kurman** is proud to share an article published in the *Patriot Ledger* on October 9, 2020, "Newsmaker: Milton Prosecutor Takes on Some of Norfolk County's Toughest Cases," highlighting the accomplishments of **Greg Connor**, JD'00, as the chief trial counsel for the Norfolk County DA's Office. • **Kim Santillo Meninger**, MBA'08, announces her new podcast, *The Impostor Syndrome Files*, on which she interviews successful women about their experiences with impostor syndrome and how they have managed self-doubt. The goal is to normalize the experience and offer support to the many women who struggle with these feelings. She is always seeking new women to interview and welcomes anyone interested in telling her story. • **Kimberly Bowers Caprio** and her husband reside in Farmington, Connecticut. Kim has transitioned away from Trinity Health (St. Francis Hospital) to Hartford Healthcare, where she is the director of breast surgery for the northwest region of Connecticut. Kim is happy to return to performing breast surgery full-time after a brief stint in the ICU from March until May caring for COVID patients. • Congratulations to our classmates who welcomed new babies in 2020, a bright spot in a challenging year.



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RUPAL POLTACK '94

DETAILS:

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Walton Enterprises**
**Working on earning
her private pilot license**

Frequently Asked Questions

Sure, kids ask questions. But how many 13-year-olds ask about mortgages? Rupal Patel Poltack '94, for one. Over the neighbor's dinner table in 1985, the unfamiliar idea of borrowing money from a bank came up.

"Listening to the adults talk, I asked, 'Why can't we buy the house? Where does a bank get its money? What is an interest rate?'" she recalls. "Now, 35 years later, I am still remembered as the curious girl who was interested in mortgages."

Poltack earned her degree in finance at the Carroll School of Management (and met her husband, Dave Poltack '94), while taking advantage of the opportunities around her. "Some of our professors ran businesses and worked for investment firms. They shared academic theory and also discussed how it applied to the real world," she remembers. After graduation, Poltack landed at Coopers and Lybrand (today PricewaterhouseCoopers) and has held executive roles at Fidelity and family-owned businesses.

From a young age, she was determined to join the corporate world and succeed in an industry typically dominated by men. Because of the support she received from mentors along the way, Poltack feels compelled to help younger colleagues pursue their career goals. Her formula: Do a really good job, ask thoughtful questions, and build solid relationships. "Don't think about the next job you want. Think about what content and skills you want to learn next. The journey must be interesting and exciting to you," she says.

Poltack says courage and emotional intelligence have been critical to her success.

She credits her parents, who left India for the United States 50 years ago, for the first. "My parents took massive risks," she says. "They believed in the American dream. My sisters and I are the benefactors of their bravery."

As for the second? "Understanding people is a critical skill," Poltack advises. "Listen to others, dig deep for their emotional drivers, and learn to assess behavioral patterns."

And one final piece of advice: "Keep asking good questions!"

On March 1, Jennie Ann and **Brett Hanlon** of Manchester, New Hampshire, welcomed their son, Andrew Paul, into the world. • **Christopher Boudreau** and his wife, Abby, welcomed a daughter, Brooke Danielle, on September 14. Their older daughter, Laurel Edith, is now 5 years old. The Boudreau family is happy and healthy in San Francisco. • Keep your updates coming! We hope to hear from you!

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1998

Brendon Worley, MA'07, and his wife, Megan (Catholic University of America '06) welcomed their second child, Colette Gianna, in September. Mom, Dad, and big brother Michael are excited about the new addition! • **Brie Pfannenbecker** was awarded the 2021 Natural Stone Institute's Women in Stone Pioneer Award. The award is presented to individuals who have acted as "an advocate for their role in recruiting, retaining, and advancing women in the natural stone industry through professional and volunteer efforts which are deemed exemplary, honorable, and inspirational." Brie, who has served as a member and as chair of the Women in Stone Steering Committee, is committed to ensuring that women have a path to leadership opportunities within a historically male-dominated industry via recruitment, education, mentorship, and networking.

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1999

Hello, Class of 1999! I hope you are all doing well, staying healthy, and successfully navigating this unprecedented year. As for me, **Matt Colleran**, MBA'06, after mastering homeschooling from March through June and being very creative in filling up the summer with any and all available activities for my three kids, we are back to school part-time. We are all making the most of everything and doing great in Hopkinton. Last year I made my own social card game for moms called The Mom Truths Game and was successful in getting it listed at some major retailers such as Target.com and Walmart Canada, which was very exciting. Now I am focusing my efforts on my "real" job, where I am in the process of planning two hybrid events for 2021, including a TikTok fan event and a summit for elite YouTube kid and family influencers and top brands. I am always open to connecting with anyone interested in talking influencer marketing. Now on to additional class news. • **Jessica Egidio Mulvey** has turned her 20 years of experience in the fashion industry in an entrepreneurial direction! She has cofounded a new Instagram boutique, designed to be a curated selection of everyday style for the modern woman—and appropriately named Mod39! Check it out! • On December 6, 2019, **Sarah Martin Pitlyk** was sworn in as a district judge for the US District Court for the Eastern District of

Missouri. Sarah and her husband, Mark, live in St. Louis with their four kids. • **Ken Kamada** checked in and shared some fun updates: "My investment firm, Kamada Investment Management, is celebrating its 10-year anniversary and recently converted to a hedge fund. In 2018, an investor group led by myself and Brett Campbell acquired aboutGOLF, a software and simulation company, and we are launching eRyder Cup in a few weeks to be the first eSports platform for golf." Also, Ken is launching a venture fund with his wife Jessica's agency, Bamboo, to focus on early-stage consumer startups—and Ken and Jessica's son, Tai, was born in February 2019. • In August, Scott and Susan (Verrill) Bryan welcomed their son, Garry Elias Bryan (3), home from Haiti. He loves cars, music, and breakfast tacos. Garry joins big sister Riley (9), and they live in Austin, Texas. • Thanks, everyone.

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2000

21ST REUNION June 2021

Hello, Class of 2000! Welcome to 2021! • **Liam Doherty** recently moved back to the Pacific Northwest after living in Austin, Texas, with his wife, Kari; their one-year-old son, Lochlan; and their two dogs, Lennie and Gus. Liam is running Zillow's creative services group, and Kari is teaching early childhood special education at Greenwood Elementary School. Thank you to Liam for sharing his news. • Please be sure to continue to send me your news so that I can share it with the rest of the class.

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2001

20TH REUNION June 2021

Happy new year! • **Maggie Messitt** currently teaches in the MFA program at Goucher College and is the first Mellon Fellow at Denison University's Center for Narrative Journalism. In July, as the country saw a pandemic-related rise in housing instability and unemployment with no end in sight, Maggie and her partner, Kevin Haworth, who teaches writing at Carnegie Mellon University, founded Writers House Pittsburgh, a year-long residency offering housing stability, community, and mentorship in unpredictable times. The two renovated a three-story home, built around 1895, in preparation of welcoming the first cohort of residents in September. The House will eventually expand into a community space for writers focused on telling true stories in the Rust Belt of Appalachia. • **Ryan Travia**, MED'03, recently completed his doctorate in higher education management from the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education.

He was promoted to associate VP for student success at Babson College, where for six years he has provided leadership and oversight for the College's health and wellness portfolio as Babson's first associate dean of students for wellness. In his new role, Ryan continues to provide oversight for Babson's health and wellness departments, and also supervises accessibility services and undergraduate academic advising. Ryan has been leading the institution's COVID-19 response with a particular focus on symptom monitoring, testing, contact tracing, and managing student quarantine/isolation. • Writer, executive producer, and actor **Desirée Matthews** launched her award-winning short narrative film, *The Great Unknown*, for online streaming. Starring Academy Award-winner Olympia Dukakis and created by an all-female crew and team of producers, the film shares the untold story of miscarriage through the feminine life circle of birth, death, transformation, and rebirth. "I am so excited to finally share this deeply personal film with the world," Desirée writes. "The experience of miscarriage is an ancient, sacred bond that so many of us share, but too often it is endured alone in the shadows. It is my hope the film will bring this intimate loss into the light, offering compassion, comfort, and visibility. Once we start sharing our stories we find that we are not alone in our grief, and the act of being witnessed, being seen is transformative." Visit thegreatunknownfilm.com or Vimeo to view. • May marks the 20th anniversary of our graduation, and hopefully we will be able to celebrate as a class in June 2021.

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2002

Congratulations to Colleen and **Christopher Glaser**, who welcomed Molly Elizabeth to their family in October. Molly joins older brothers Jack (5), Michael (3), and Ryan (1). • **Federico Lucifredi** and his wife, Irena, welcomed a new addition to the family: their daughter Marina Elsa was born in June in Boston. • **Elizabeth Keohane-Burbridge** co-edited *Independent Scholars Meet the World: Expanding Academia Beyond the Academy*, the first volume of the University Press of Kansas's series Rethinking Careers, Rethinking Academia, and it is now available. The work includes a chapter on her experience pursuing her doctorate at Fordham University and producing Footnoting History, a history podcast that has had over two million downloads since their start in 2013. "The contributors to *Independent Scholars Meet the World* offer the advice and encouragement they wish they'd received when heading into uncharted postgraduate territory. They demonstrate that success awaits the determined and resourceful scholar pursuing a different path towards 'expanded-ac,'" writes Elizabeth. She has started her fifth year at Woodward Academy, outside Atlanta, where she teaches US history, modern world history, and multi-ethnic and diversity studies;

coaches the middle school debate team; and is club adviser for the WA Eagle Exchange (their podcast club) and Intersectional Feminism. • **Last November, Ryan Kennedy** sought re-election for another term as a member of the Town Council in Hopewell Borough, New Jersey, where he lives with his two daughters (ages 10 and 12). He also serves as the board president of the area's YMCA, which is actively planning for the construction of a new community center. • **Alicia Ray Cobb** recently left the Office of the Director of National Intelligence to take a position as attorney with the Department of Justice, National Security Division's Foreign Investment Review Section, where she will focus on CFIUS matters. • **Tiffany Anzalone McCasland** and her husband, Chris, launched City Bonfires, a portable, reusable bonfire that is made in Maryland with American-made materials by two dads—Chris and Michael Opalski—whose jobs were impacted by COVID-19. • We offer our condolences to **Martha Plante Frydl**, whose husband, Brian, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly at the age of 39, in March 2020. They have three young children.

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2003

Darrell Goodwin has been appointed executive conference minister of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ. A merger of the three foundational conferences of the United Church of Christ in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island, the Conference encompasses approximately 600 churches and has historical roots in the 1600s. Darrell will be the first African-American executive conference minister in the history of this region and in the history of the UCC. • **Richard and Torrieann (Dooley) Kennedy** welcomed their second daughter into the world. Helen Irene was born in February 2020. She joins big sister Bellanne Rose (2) in cheering on the Eagles in football. Torrieann also defended her dissertation, "ExperiencED Success: Does Mentoring Beginning Teachers Impact the Mentor" in April 2020 and earned a PhD in curriculum and instruction in urban elementary education from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. • **David and Maryclare (Magee) Gildea** welcomed Molly Catherine on July 20, 2020. Big sister Mairead is thrilled! Everyone is happy and healthy and can't wait to get back to the Heights. • **Corinne Fogg, MEd'04**, welcomed the birth of her daughter, Marigold Frances, in February. Fellow Eagles **Pope Carlos**; Margaret Nuzzolese Conway '06, MTS'16; Charles Pitts Kehres '00; and Richard Lynch '73, among other guests, shared in a virtual prayer service and baptism in May to celebrate. • **Paul Jackson** announces the birth of his second child, Theodore Stamatis, on August 26, 2020. • **Bethany and Paul Crocetti** welcomed their baby girl Sofia Grace on November 20, 2019. Sofia has already enjoyed watching her first BC

football games! • **Kelly Castriotta, MA'08**, has joined Markel Corporation as senior director, global cyber underwriting. In this new role, Kelly works with Markel's cyber leaders to strengthen cyber underwriting best practices and standards across all the company's insurance divisions. • **Mario Powell, S.J., MDiv'14, STL'15**, writes: "Glad to share that I have moved my school, Brooklyn Jesuit Prep, to a new facility in East Flatbush, New York. Great work is being done with the help of BC alums, including board members Kimberly Curtis '99, Rob Quinn '09, and Fr. Michael Davidson MEd'11, the director of the Thea Bowman AHANA and Intercultural Center." *Boston College Alumni Association
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Mike Alexander and his wife, Elyse, welcomed daughter Caroline Grace on May 15, 2020. Caroline and big brother Charlie (3) are doing well. • **Amy Barber Roberts** welcomed her fourth child, Lily Marie, on May 7, 2020. Lily joins big brothers Henley and Christian and big sister Emery. • **Kristyl Berckes Asakiewicz** and her husband, Christopher, welcomed the birth of their second child, Karolina Luna Marie, on February 20, 2020. Karolina is joined by her older brother, Kristofer. Kristyl is a family law/matrimonial attorney at Lawrence Law, LLC, in Watchung, New Jersey. She has been recognized as a Super Lawyers Rising Star for 2020 and by Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch for 2021. • **Alexandra Ward** finished her cardiology fellowship and moved to Virginia for a new job. She is now a noninvasive cardiologist with Riverside Cardiology Specialists in Newport News, where she is also the director of the Women's Heart Center. • **Lauren Shurtleff** has been named director of planning for the Boston Planning & Development Agency, where she had been interim director since February 2019 and was previously deputy director for downtown and neighborhood planning. In her new role, Lauren will oversee the 29 planning studies under way across the city. • **Jane Duket** has earned the prestigious Rising Star designation from Thomson Reuters. Rising Star designation is part of Thomson Reuter's Super Lawyers rating service of outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas.

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2005

16TH REUNION June 2021

Pat and Noreen (McLane) Phelan welcomed their third child, Clare, on December 5, 2019, and **Brendan and Aimee (DiGilio) Porath** welcomed their fourth child, Tess, on December 8. The new additions will have a lifelong friendship encouraged by their parents, hopefully culminating in their being roommates—just like their moms—in the BC Class of 2042. • **Luke Tarbi** was recently promoted to global

marketing director at Tripadvisor for their hotel and restaurant customers. During the COVID-19 crisis, Luke and his team helped launch the Hotels for Health initiative that matched rooms in open hotels with medical workers worldwide in need of temporary housing. The National Health Service (NHS) in the UK was an early participant. • **Melissa Bruno O'Dowd** joined Archway Health in June 2020 as director of marketing after seven years at HealthEdge Software. At Archway, Melissa is responsible for building all aspects of the marketing function as the company looks to accelerate growth and increase brand recognition in the value-based care market. • **Meghan McManama, Nora Donaldson Rosenthal, Brianne Burke Harrison, Beth Cummings Carney, Brigid Hinterberger Olech, and Paige Stapp Eding** survived the coronavirus lockdown with weekly Zoom chats. Impressively, these calls were coordinated across four time zones while corralling 11 children, dogs, jobs, and Trader Joe's shopping lists.

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15TH REUNION June 2021

Sahar Khalaj writes: "In 2006, after graduating, I took on my first job as a nurse on a trauma surgical unit. Since then I have had the opportunity to be exposed to an array of specialties. I enjoyed time as a travel nurse, traveling alongside **Meighann Recile** throughout the US. More recently, I deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel as a nurse in the Air Force Reserves. I currently work on a transplant unit at MGH. Most importantly, I am the mom of an amazing little girl." • **Christina Vetre Salazar** and her husband, Jorge, welcomed a beautiful, spunky baby girl, Camila Malina, on August 4, 2020. The family lives in Downingtown, Pennsylvania, with their dog, Hazel. Christina runs a program for high school English learners with limited/interrupted formal education. She is grateful to be taking a sabbatical during this wild school year to develop a handbook for supporting students like hers while she spends time with Camila. • **Adam MBA'12 and Sarah (Wojtusik) Shipley, JD'10**, welcomed their second child in 2020: Cora Shipley is doing well and is already being raised to cheer for BC teams! • **Marianne Tierney FitzGerald, '06, PhD'16**, welcomed a new son Christopher, who joins his brother, William.

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2007

Lauren '08, MSW'09, and **Anthony DeMarco** happily welcomed their daughter, Ellie Grace, on April 15, 2019—just in time for Marathon Monday. She joins big brother

Max. The family resides in Dorchester. • **Tucker and Susan (Grodén) McDonald**, JD'12, welcomed their first child, Abigail Ann, on December 4, 2019. They can't wait to share their love of BC with Abby. • **Sam Kim** has started a new job as the video and coaching coordinator for the Toronto Maple Leafs of the National Hockey League. • After rescheduling their wedding twice due to the coronavirus pandemic, **Kate Thibault** and Nicholas Morano were married on July 31, 2020, in an intimate ceremony with close family and friends. Kaitlin Sheehan '09 was also in attendance as the maid of honor. • **Richard Reynolds** is pursuing his MSc in entrepreneurship and innovation (New Venture Creation) at Lund University in Sweden. • **Lloyd Liu**, Louis Manzo '06, MA'07; **Andrew Clement**; **Peter Boogaard**; **Gregory Schrank**; and **Brendan Downes** did not hold their annual golf tournament, the Creekside Cup, this year owing to the pandemic. Lloyd, therefore, remains the reigning champion for another year. However, they welcomed a few new Eaglets to the group, including Daniela Schrank, Quinn Clement, and Norah Liu. • **Stephanie St. Martin**, MA'10, married Richard Slate on July 31, 2020. Eagles attending included the bride's father, Kenneth St. Martin '76, MS'98; the bride's sisters, Andrea Cunningham '03 and Michelle Pierce '09; **Dana DeFilippo-Miller**; **Katie Farrell**; Theodore Pierce '09; Norma St. Martin '04, MS'08; and **Daniel Hazelwood**. Ronald Tacelli, S.J., '69, MDiv'82, presided in Gloucester.

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2008

Congratulations to **Craig Lewin**, who swam across the English Channel last month, completing the Triple Crown of open water swimming. He joins an elite group of fewer than 250 people in history to complete the Triple Crown. He was a member of the varsity swim team under Tom Groden '72 from 2004 to 2008. • **Mallory Halpin**, MEd'09, married Douglas Lensing on August 22, 2020, in New York City. The couple met at BC in summer 2003 while attending the Boston College Experience program for high school students. • **Michael Contreras** and wife Sandra welcomed their first child, Antonio Ignacio, in July. • In 2016, **Michelle Andrade** was part of the founding team of Workstation, the largest coworking space in Lagos, Nigeria. She relocated from Washington, D.C., to Lagos and successfully launched the pilot location and second location in Ikeja, Lagos. As COO of Workstation, she was able to secure clients such as Dalberg, Western Union, iFlix, and several prominent fintech companies in Africa. In 2019, she returned to D.C. to join the restaurant HalfSmoke, as general manager, later becoming COO and spearheading her own breakfast concept, Butter Me Up, during the pandemic. The brand has been very successful, selling over 2,000 sandwiches a week! • **Stefanie (Navarro)**, MS'17, and **Stephen Casey**

welcomed to the world Wyatt Walter Casey on March 30, 2020. Thankfully, everyone is healthy, and Wyatt is already rooting for the Eagles this fall. • **Mark and Sarah (Gelinas) Orvin** welcomed daughter Lillian in August 2020. Lily joins big brother Charlie. • **Matt Carroll** writes: "As part of this year's California State Fair based in Alameda, I was (virtually) awarded second place in the 36th annual Pistachio Harvest competition. I was recognized as this year's Nutter to Watch." Matt thanks his friends and classmates for their support—and looks forward to competing again next year with an even bigger crop! • **Mark Green** is working at Boston Children's Hospital as an oral and maxillofacial surgeon. • In October, **Reeves Wiedeman**, a contributing editor at *New York* magazine, published his first book, *Billion Dollar Loser: The Epic Rise and Spectacular Fall of Adam Neumann and WeWork*. • **Michael and Ashley (McLaughlin) Leen** announce the birth of their second child, Hugo Monroe, on February 18, 2020, in Washington, D.C. Fiona, Hugo's big sister, couldn't be more in love with her little brother. Michael works for Amazon as a senior product manager, and Ashley is planning to begin as an associate at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr in D.C. in January 2021. • **Sean Kelly**, JD'11, left active duty in September 2020 after eight years of service as a judge advocate in the US Army. He joined the law firm of Lind, Jensen, Sullivan & Peterson in Minneapolis as an associate attorney.

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2009

Terence To, director of sales at Excalibur, and his team in New York City pivoted amidst the global pandemic from the manufacturing of menswear to face masks. This new product line allowed him to not only connect with former classmates **Kristen Dacey**, a first grade teacher in Salem, New Hampshire, and **Karen Schreiner** '08, MA'10, a principal in Oakland, California, but also to partner with their schools in an effort to donate personalized face masks to staff and students through their brand Con.Struct. The generosity of Terence and his company not only enhanced school safety, but also promoted school pride during this unprecedented school opening. • On August 1, 2020, **Thomas O'Donnell** married Angela LoBue. The ceremony featured Thomas's BC roommates **Phil Kowalski** (best man), **Patrick Driscoll** JD'16, and **Dan Russell**, as his groomsmen. • **Alison Bacon Struhs** writes: "Our family made the exciting decision to relocate from Washington, D.C., to North Carolina!" Her family of four includes two Eagle alumni and two future Eagles. • After 10 years in Colorado, **Jenna Bee** moved back to New Hampshire in March 2020 to start a new job in philanthropy and engagement at the Derryfield School in Manchester. Jenna would love to reconnect with classmates in

New England—once we're all moving about freely again! • **Kristen Lappas Dinallo's** documentary short *Blackfeet Boxing: Not Invisible*, which she directed for ESPN Films, has been accepted into 20 film festivals all over the world and was the winner of the audience award at AFI Docs, the winner for Outstanding Documentary Short at DC Shorts, and the Grand Prize winner at Indy Shorts, qualifying for this year's Academy Awards. The film also played in Tribeca's drive-in movie theater series this past summer.

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11TH REUNION

June 2021

After partnering with some of New York City's largest landlords, **Jorge Gamboa** and Doorkee, a property technology company, raised \$5.7 million in seed funding. Doorkee improves landlords' bottom line by reducing vacancies and leasing costs and will use the funding to expand its footprint. • **Pardees Safizadeh** launched a digital agency, Albaloo, that helps startups and high-growth businesses accelerate their revenue with cutting-edge campaigns and experiences. The firm currently has 15 freelancers and is rapidly working with Boston's most innovative companies. • **Fitzgerald '09** and **Sydney (Sanchez) Angrand** welcomed their first little Eagle, Roman Fitzgerald, on May 13, 2020. • On August 8, **Colin Scanlon** and **Nicole Fischer** celebrated their wedding in Hampton Bays, New York! The two met in the Mods in September of senior year and have been together ever since. • **Scott Lauber** and **Jeff Neblett** successfully completed an acquisition of ISPN Network Services, an inbound IT helpdesk focused on providing tech support and network services to internet service providers around the country. They moved to the Kansas City metropolitan area to join the company's management and help run the day-to-day. At ISPN, they are supporting rural broadband providers who are helping bridge the digital divide in remote parts of the United States. Scott and Jeff encourage anyone to reach out if they are in the greater KC area, have any questions about the search fund model (commonly referred to as entrepreneurship through acquisition), or would like to network! • **Michael Moran** married Erin Butler '12 in January in St. Petersburg, Florida. There were many Eagles at the wedding, including in the wedding party. • This year, **Brittany Almquist Lewis** received her PhD in finance from Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management, joined Indiana University's Kelley School of Business as an assistant professor of finance, and received Indiana University's Racial Justice Research Fund Grant to pursue research on housing inequities. • **Samantha Covelle** and **Joshua Meidenbauer**, PhD'15, were married on August 29, 2020, in Winthrop. The bride's sister Alexandra '13 served as

maid of honor and was in attendance for the immediate-family-only ceremony as a result of COVID-19. Samantha's bridesmaids, **Colleen Mason Conway**, **Kasey Cullen**, **Jacqueline Sullivan Honerlaw**, and **Anne Muscarella** all cheered from a distance and hope to celebrate fully in August 2021.

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2011

10TH REUNION

June 2021

Alexandra "Ali" Struzziero and **Ian McBride '05** announce that they are eloping in Telluride, Colorado, on January 30, 2021. They met in Denver after they realized their initial connection as BC alumni. Although they had to cancel their original wedding plans due to COVID-19, they decided to convert a Ford transit cargo van into a camper for the elopement and a lifetime of adventures! • **Daniel Ruemenapp** was recognized in the 2021 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* as "Ones to Watch" in the field of immigration law. • **Michael Morton** has been named chairman of the board of the Carson Valley Community Food Closet. The Food Closet provides approximately 25,000 meals per month to residents in need in Douglas County, Nevada. • **Danielle Keogh Provo** and her husband, Ray, are excited to announce the birth of their son, Aksel Finn, born on September 9, 2020.

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2012

Christina Rossetti married **Cliff Baratta '11** in June in Central Park, New York City. Many of their BC classmates attended virtually via Zoom. • On August 23, 2020, **Jayson and Chelsea (Dostaler) Joyce** welcomed a future Eagle to their family, Camina Mae. • **Andrew Mitten** and **Ali Flores** were married on September 12, 2020. • **Daniel and Mary (Pfeffer) Feak** welcomed a baby girl, Eleanor Catherine, on August 12, 2020. • **Jacquelyn-My Do** married **Wyatt Ling** on September 26, 2020, at the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum in Lincoln. • Last July, **Emily Charnowski**, MA'15, began a new role as assistant principal at Visitation Academy in St. Louis, an all-girls Catholic school rooted in the Catholic Salesian tradition.

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2013

In 2019, **Claire Marinello Fisher** graduated with an MA in teaching English to speakers of other languages in May, married **Bryan Fisher** in July, started a new career as an ESL professor at the university level in August, and appeared on *Jeopardy!* in December. • **Kelly Cannon** received a grant from the Pulitzer Center for her reporting on the coronavirus vaccine and tribal

nations that have experienced some of the highest rates of infection and death in the COVID-19 pandemic. She was named a Pulitzer Center Reporting Fellow after completing her master's in journalism from Northwestern University Medill School of Journalism in September. She will report on the politicization of vaccination in the United States, traveling to Navajo Nation and through tribal lands across Arizona, Utah, and South Dakota to explore the challenges of distributing and delivering a lifesaving coronavirus vaccine to a critical population. She is based in Washington, D.C. • **Alex Dripchak** has cofounded Commence, a college-to-career coaching program that provides individual attention to students transitioning into the workforce. Students looking to accelerate and elevate their internship and job opportunities can schedule their complimentary skills assessment and receive a custom, curated networking list by checking out Commence on Instagram @areyouworkforceready.

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2014

Alexander Tingle, who graduated from the Carroll School of Management Honors Program, was recognized as one of *Business Insider's* 25 Rising Stars of Wall Street, under the age of 35, for 2020. While at BC, Alex did two summer internships in New York with UBS. After graduation, he joined UBS as an investment banker and has been actively involved in recruiting students from BC for the firm for both summer internships and full-time positions. •

Victoria Torres-Vega, MSW'15, writes: "I was lucky enough to get married during this pandemic to my best friend, Ian Carter, in August!" Although they weren't able to have all their family and friends from around the country physically present, many were able to attend virtually, and "it was an awesome day and a great event!" • **Lauren Ruvo** and **Matt Carroll** were married on August 8, 2020, in Lake Tahoe surrounded by immediate family and a few close friends. Lauren and Matt met freshman year in McElroy Commons and began dating their sophomore year. They live in Los Angeles.

• **Salman and Karen (Campbell) Rangrez** welcomed a son, Rayhan Rangrez, in May. • **Stacy Caprio** writes: "Got to check off one of my bucket-list goals by starting the Her CEO podcast and have been so fortunate to be able to talk to some amazing women and men who have started and grown businesses to great heights. Reminds me of my time at BC, when we would sit in the entrepreneurship room and pitch to VCs...." The podcast is live at www.her.ceo/podcast, and she welcomes comments and thoughts on others she might interview; she'd love to connect with more BC grads. • **Lani Frankville** graduated from UCLA Anderson School of Management! She says she may be stuck in quarantine, but at least she's doing it in sunny California and is a "certified fancy business lady." • **Lauren Ciarci** and **Tom Langendorf '13**

were married on August 15 in Boston. • **Brittney Wetzel** and **Charles Stewart '13** were married in a small outdoor ceremony in July that was nothing like what they had planned, but was perfect all the same. Ryan Crowe '11 officiated, and included in the wedding party were maid of honor **Andrea Pessolano**, matron of honor **Elizabeth Altschaeff Crowe**, **Mariana Eizayaga**, **Ellie Tanji '15**, **Daniel Golder '12**, and **Nicholas Foster '11**, all of whom were members of the University Chorale of Boston College with the bride and groom. • **Jenn Howard** has stepped down from the role of class correspondent as of this issue, and the Alumni Association thanks her for sharing news on behalf of the Class of 2014. Please send any future class notes to classnotes@bc.edu.

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2015

6TH REUNION

June 2021

Christine Spindler married **Scott Derrickson**, a Northeastern University alum, on August 8, surrounded by fellow Eagles and Huskies. • **Andrew Engber** is in the second year of his MBA program at Northwestern's Kellogg School of Management. "I am having *much* fun!" he reports.

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2016

5TH REUNION

June 2021

Owie and Katherine (Michalik) Agbontaen welcomed their first child, Avery, into the world on September 15, 2020. Both mother and daughter are doing very well. Owie, Katie, and Avery now live in Chicago, having moved from Boston in July.

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2017

Kyrie Olsen married **Isaiah Anderson** on August 15, 2020, at Isaiah's home in Maryland. The couple met at freshman convocation and reconnected during their sophomore year. Their ceremony was attended by immediate family and will be followed by a larger celebration in July 2021. The bridal party comprised many members of the Class of 2017, especially alums of the BC marching band and Voices of Imani. • **Thomas and Bridie Lawlor O'Boyle** were married on August 22, 2020. Bridie and Tom met freshman year in Perspectives class. • Last summer, **William Bowditch**, **Nick Muller**, **Anthony Perasso**, **JP Scaduto**, and **James Lucey** drove from Connecticut to Georgia and rented a house to work remotely for a week. While the amount of actual work accomplished varied among the five of them, they enjoyed numerous spirited debates and several savory suppers.

The boys don't know what's next for them, but they are looking forward to it!

• **Jonathan Pharel** has started his MBA at Washington University in St. Louis. • **Daniel Chou**, MA'18, has returned to BC, this time as a staff member; he is assistant director of admissions, financial aid, and enrollment analytics at BC Law School. He received both his bachelor's and his master's degrees from the Lynch School of Education and Human Development. He is enjoying his time back at the Heights!

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2018

Caroline Lewis started graduate studies in development practice at the University of Arizona. Congrats, Caroline!

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2019

Chris Russo recently met Josh Reed '16 for a drink and dinner at Cafeteria Boston on Newbury Street. The two discussed Josh's new travel blog featuring his cross-country road trip with his girlfriend, Chloe Mansour '17, and Chris's creation of his new marketing and communications consulting business, Russo Strategic Partners. • **Jhon Maldonado** earned his BA in psychology and is now working on his MA in administration of higher education at the Lynch School of Education and Human Development while also working as a proctor for the Connor Family Center. Also, he writes: "I am still discerning my desire to become a Catholic priest. ... The Jesuits has been my support and it has been thanks to them I have what I have today."

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2020

Maxine Alindogan started a baking business, The Sweet Stash PH, during the COVID-19 pandemic, selling almond bark in Metro Manila in collaboration with Alejandro Miñana '22. Alej shared his family recipe, to which both added their secret ingredients.

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BC SOCIAL WORK

Gerry Miller, MSW'80, has been a great support to the staff at Goddard House, the Brookline assisted-living facility where his mother lives. When he was not able to visit his 98-year-old mother at the onset of the pandemic, he began weekly, weekend "Hero Celebrations" to honor the staff in the facility as they entered and left the building. With music playing, he and others gave the staff snacks and small gifts, took pictures with a sign reading "Our Heroes," and expressed their gratitude to those serving

on the front lines for vulnerable adults. • **Kevin Garganta**, MCP'77, retired in 2019 and is enjoying his non-working life with family (including four grandchildren) and friends. Kevin was a professor and director of the Human Services program at Bristol Community College for more than 32 years. Earlier, he had worked or taught at Rhode Island College, Bridgewater State University, Community Care Services, Southeastern Massachusetts University (now UMass Dartmouth), and the Massachusetts Office of Energy Resources. Kevin and his wife, Kathy, have been dividing their time between Massachusetts and Florida, becoming true "snowbirds" upon his retirement. • Since graduation, **Miriam Silverstone**, MSW'16, has become independently licensed and is now an assistant mental health director in the Massachusetts Department of Correction. She writes: "During the orientation prior to starting my first year of graduate school, someone said, 'Two years from now you will not be the same person you are today.' I remember this so vividly, and I quickly realized, in my graduate school career, that I was [...] becoming finely tuned and groomed to fight for the disenfranchised, to advocate for those who don't have a voice. Thank you for making me an Eagle!" • **Carla Monteiro**, MSW'19, has been selected as one of the *Boston Business Journal's* 2020 40 under 40 honorees. The 40 under 40 project recognizes 40 young professionals under the age of 40 who are making a difference in their businesses and communities. Carla was selected by an advisory board from over 400 nominations based on career accomplishments focusing on success and commitment to community. • After graduating from BC, **Catherine Kirwan-Avila**, MSW'12, entered the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Wyncote, Pennsylvania. She studied theology in Madrid, Spain, and, since returning to the Philadelphia area in 2019, has been working in campus ministry at St. Joseph's University. She lives in a community of eight, ranging in age from 23 to 90! She is always happy to connect with anyone who is exploring religious vocation or just wants to share part of the adventure of faith.

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CARROLL SCHOOL

John Fisher, MBA'71, writes: "After 33 years in the athletic footwear and apparel industry—believe it or not—I am teaching strategic brand management at BC's Carroll School of Management. Full circle." John was also awarded the Distinguished Faculty Award for 2019. • **Jana Spacek Milbocker**, MBA'92, published her second garden travel book, *The Garden Tourist's New England: A Guide to 140 Outstanding Gardens and Nurseries* (Enchanted Gardens, 2019). Jana is a garden designer, speaker, and owner of a landscape design firm in the Boston area. • **Andrew Stewart**, MS'09, is

now an equity partner at Exchange Capital Management Inc. and also continues to serve as the firm's chief investment officer. • **Nicki Mauro**, JD'85, MBA'88, has shifted from legal operations to operations manager at Interiology Design Co., an award-winning full-service interior design firm founded by fellow BC alum Mark Haddad '87. • In August, **Amy Iseppi**, MBA'15, joined Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation as a partner alliance manager. She is excited to leverage her MBA in a financial technology role that combines relationship management, strategy, and innovation. • **Mandy Scipione**, MBA'08, was promoted to regional VP of relationship management at Fidelity Investments. Her responsibilities include running a national team of relationship managers who cover over 1,300 firms. • **Timothy Shannon**, MBA'83, PhD'04, is celebrating five years as president and CEO of Shamrock Enterprises Inc. • **Henry Hagopian**, MS'04, MBA'07, has been named VP of finance, treasurer, and interim CFO at Organogenesis Inc. • After 21 years living in the Bay Area, **Carol Ann Barber**, MBA'89, and her husband, Tom, moved to New York City for an empty-nest adventure. She is transitioning from HR/recruiting to college admissions and career planning. They are excited to be back on the East Coast as three of their kids are in Boston!

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CONNELL SCHOOL

Ditsapelo McFarland, PhD'99, has recently reached a milestone achievement, being designated a Fellow of the New York Academy of Medicine. • In 2020, **Richard Orluk**, MS'17, with the help of his wife, Leeann (also a nurse), opened the doors to Nantucket Sound Psychiatry, a private psychiatric practice in Harwich Port on Cape Cod. As a mental health nurse practitioner, Richard treats kids and young adults on the Cape, a population that is in desperate need of help. He and Leeann also welcomed their second child, Alexandra, this year!

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LYNCH SCHOOL

Hello, everyone! We got so many submissions for this issue that I could only submit about half due to word-count restrictions. I promise to submit the rest for the next issue! • **Catherine Pallatto Chase**, MED'72, has acquired a number of advanced degrees over the years, including an AA from Bristol Community College, a CAGS from Bridgewater State, and an RN from Brockton Hospital School of Nursing. She is currently working with NorthEast Health Services as a mental health counselor and attending classes at the University of Massachusetts. • **Marlee Dorsey**, MA'15, who received her degree in counseling psychology and mental health

counseling, received a prestigious social impact fellowship with the Finnovation Lab Fellowship Program. • In August, **Zhongfeng Tian**, PhD'20, started a new job as a tenure-track assistant professor in the College of Education and Human Development at the University of Texas at San Antonio. • **Micol Levi-Minzi**, MA'07, and her family decided to go on an adventure and move to Las Vegas in 2018. She is going on 10 years of serving veterans as a clinical psychologist, first at Miami VA Medical Center and now as director of psychology training at the Las Vegas VA medical center. Most recently, she started facilitating trainings for trauma recovery yoga as well. She, her husband, and their three daughters love the outdoor lifestyle and enjoy hiking in the mountains with their five big dogs. • **William Kates** '70, MEd'71, MEd'73, underwent surgery for colon cancer and will receive chemotherapy for six months. Sending lots of Eagle prayers to you, William! • **Liz Parolski**, MA'14, married Seth Shippee in an intimate ceremony in New Jersey on September 5, 2020. Her Lynch School classmate **Mary Cate Connors**, MA'14, served as one of the bridesmaids and a reader at the Catholic wedding ceremony. Elizabeth and Seth are thrilled to be married and hope to celebrate with friends and family, especially other BC alums from the Lynch School, in 2021. • **Lauren Pawlak Field**, MEd'93, reports proudly that her daughter Isabella graduated with the Class of 2020, receiving her BA in psychology, and is now a business development consultant for Oracle.

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MORRISSEY COLLEGE

Congratulations to those who have recently published books! **James Bahoh**, MA'06: *Heidegger's Ontology of Events* (Edinburgh University Press, 2019). James is an assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Memphis and completed a Fulbright postdoctoral scholarship at Deakin University in Australia. **Richard Boles** '05, MA'06: *Dividing the Faith: The Rise of Segregated Churches in the Early American North* (New York University Press, 2020). Richard is an assistant professor of history at Oklahoma State University. **Peter Di Pietro**, MA'84: *To Be Determined, The Life Of One: The Memoirs of Senior Pietro* (Amazon, 2020). **Marcus Mescher**, MTS'09, PhD'13: *The Ethics of Encounter: Christian Neighbor Love as a Practice of Solidarity* (Orbis, 2020). Marcus is an associate professor of Christian ethics at Xavier University in Cincinnati. He and his wife, Anne, are the proud parents of Noah, Benjamin, and Grace. • More news: **Jacquineau Azétop**, S.J., STL'04, PhD'08, is dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at Pontifical Gregorian University. • **Kelly Castriotta**, MA'08, is senior director, global cyber underwriting, at Markel Corporation. • **Edward Davis**, PhD'86, spent his career

teaching sociology in California, New York, and Maryland as well as Japan and Korea. He served as dean of social sciences and applied academics at Yuba College in California. Edward has one son, Patrick. • **Lakisha Lockhart**, PhD'18, is assistant professor of practical theology at Chicago Theological Seminary. • **Stephen Okey**, PhD'13, and **Paige Cargioli**, MA'11, recently adopted a daughter, Dorothy. • **Joseph Preville**, PhD'85, interviewed Harvard Law School Professor Noah Feldman on his book *The Arab Winter: A Tragedy* (Princeton University Press, 2020) in *Informed Comment*. • **Gene Reineke**, MA'79, chairman and founder of the public relations firm Hawthorne Strategy Group, is the proud grandfather of six grandchildren. • Be well. Be safe. God bless. Correspondent: **Leslie Poole Petit**, MA'91
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STM

Sandra Dorsainvil, MA'09, published a book, *Short-Term Mission Team Essentials—Together on the Journey* (BookBaby, 2020). Sandra has also launched a new podcast on mission-related topics, *Bridges for Mission* (B4M), available on Spotify and Apple Podcasts. • **Kevin Murphy**, SM, MEd'92, is the founder and director of a youth leadership program called the Logos Project. They work with a team of young Catholic leaders who work in schools and colleges, running retreats and leadership programs in two dioceses of New Zealand. Kevin writes: "We celebrated 20 years of ministry to Catholic youth last year, and with COVID-19 affecting so many families and young people, we also run a food box program in partnership with Vinnies (the youth branch of St. Vincent de Paul) and distribute, at present, over 160 boxes to needy families each day! Social justice in action!" • **Mary Taylor**, MA'90, and her husband, Dennis, remain faithful Catholics as they help their son Frank Matthew "Matt" Taylor '92 raise his son, George. George happens to be legally blind, as well as smart and amazing, and is now 5 years old. Mary and Dennis are also guardians for George's mom, who has Huntington's disease. • **Carolyn Capuano**, HM, MTS'88, has continued to work with a team from Mercy Medical Center to bring prepared family meals plus hygiene and cleaning supplies to people in our poorest and most isolated city neighborhood. She writes: "We did this for 25 weeks. The City of Canton now hopes to fund a yearlong program! We are also planning to bring accessible primary care into the area." • **David Hinchin**, MDiv'74, is in his 11th year as director of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps New England Region. IVC gives men and women 50 years of age and older the chance to combine service and spirituality in a 10-month commitment to neighborhood nonprofits. • **Marcia Leous**, MDiv'90, and husband **Paul Murphy**, MDiv'89, recently recognized a couple of milestones this year. 2020 marks Paul's 15th year as the Jack and Mary Jane Breen Chair in

Catholic Studies at John Carroll University in University Heights, Ohio, where he is also a professor of history. Marcia serves as codirector of faith formation at Gesu Church, also in University Heights. And, most significantly, in October 2020, they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. Correspondent: **School of Theology & Ministry**
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WCAS

Maritane Guillaume, '08, MS'12, is retired but has remained quite active, walking, going to the gym, and keeping her mind active reading interesting books. She also sews and, during the pandemic, has been making her own masks. A member of Jehovah's Witnesses, she says articles and videos on their website have helped her through this time. She writes: "My experience from BC was fantastic. I recalled my good times with friends and my classmates at BC stayed with me forever. My education from BC is a gift from God. I use it every day to help friends and help myself." Maritane's daughter is also a graduate of BC, and both loved the experience of interaction with faculty, staff, and classmates. Maritane hopes to soon visit her home country, Haiti, to see family and friends. • **Richard Pereira** '63 retired in 1997. Since then, he and his wife, Jane, have traveled to London, Italy, Hawaii, and San Francisco, also visiting their son in Sacramento. Their daughter, her husband, and their granddaughter visit them at their home in Duxbury. Recently, Richard has given up tennis to swim laps in the pool in the village. • **David Dolan** '69, MEd'72, and wife Regina are sheltering in place in central Florida and are now proud great-grandparents. Their granddaughter and her husband have a baby girl named Alice Rose. He writes: "Stay safe. God bless you all." • **Jared Standley** '18, MBA'20, MSF'20, is happy to announce that he is now an uncle: "My brother, Matt, and his beautiful wife, Kelly, had a baby boy. I am so joyful. The world is yours Callan, go set the world aflame. [Also], I finally finished my MBA and master's in finance at the Boston College Carroll School of Management. Yay! I would like to thank everyone at the Boston College James A. Woods S.J. College of Advancing Studies for such a wonderful opportunity. It has really helped pivot my career. Ever to Excel!"

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BOSTON COLLEGE ALUMNI DEATHS

1930s

John D. Donovan '39, MA'41, on 8/14/20.

1940s

Charles F. Drummey '43 on 10/24/20.

John M. Keeley '45 on 1/7/20.

Frank E. Landry '45 on 10/4/20.

Margaret McDonnell Haltmaier WCAS'48 on 10/11/20.

S. Paul Luizzo '48 on 10/18/20.

David J. Ring '48 on 9/2/20.

Roger C. Roy '48, MSW'50, on 7/26/20.

Ernest J. Ciampa '49 on 9/30/20.

Arthur C. Sandler '49 on 8/31/20.

1950s

Walter E. F. Boggio '50 on 4/18/20.

Pauline Hurley Buckley, MSW'50, on 8/28/20.

James F. Campbell '50 on 7/27/20.

Richard N. Clark '50 on 8/30/20.

Francis D. Donovan '50 on 4/7/20.

William G. Fitzsimmons '50 on 10/25/20.

Leo J. MacDonald '50 on 10/18/20.

Robert L. O'Brien '50 on 9/25/20.

Richard S. Rocco Sr. '50 on 9/13/20.

Joseph F. Warren '50 on 5/21/20.

Harry Agahigian '51 on 8/6/20.

Edmund A. Blondin '51 on 9/30/20.

Samuel P. Carito '51 on 10/20/20.

Philip E. Coen Jr. '51 on 8/22/20.

Paul A. Crandell '51, MS'58, on 8/25/20.

Bernard J. Daily '51 on 4/16/20.

Henry F. Doherty '51 on 8/1/20.

Philip B. Dolan '51 on 9/6/20.

Robert E. Houlihan '51 on 10/22/20.

John A. Kilday '51 on 10/17/20.

Andrew H. MacDonald '51 on 4/2/20.

Albert J. Marcotte '51, JD'54, on 10/16/20.

Joseph P. McGonagle '51 on 4/8/20.

Cynthia Sylvia Amarello '52 on 10/7/20.

Gerard J. Beaulieu Jr. '52 on 4/14/20.

James H. Cox '52 on 4/7/20.

Arthur F. Gobron '52 on 9/7/20.

William G. Higgins '52 on 8/8/20.

Anthony Lemos Jr. '52 on 7/24/20.

Augustine P. Pepe '52, MA'53, on 4/14/20.

William B. Bohan '53 on 9/7/20.

Joan Dempsey Lewis '53, MEd'56, on 4/4/20.

William C. Lynch '53, JD'56, on 10/7/20.

Louisa Cushwa McDonald, MSW'53, on 7/12/20.

Donald J. Surette '53 on 11/12/19.

Thomas A. Vanderslice '53, H'03, on 10/9/20.

Rose Lawlor Walsh '53 on 8/1/20.

Robert J. Winslow '53 on 8/13/20.

Charles F. Bovaird '54 on 10/8/20.

Robert Cousineau, SJ, PhL'54, on 9/8/20.

Helen Badenhausen Danforth NC'54 on 10/9/20.

Thomas F. Duffy '54 on 8/6/20.

Walter H. Englert '54 on 9/27/20.

Mary Elisa Equi, SP, '54 on 4/17/20.

James G. Harnedy '54 on 4/9/20.

William R. Hart '54 on 10/3/20.

Francis T. Kiely '54 on 4/4/20.

Ludger N. Nichols '54 on 8/14/20.

Barb Harrigan Wleklinski NC'54 on 9/29/20.

James V. Atkinson '55 on 7/20/20.

Mary Crudden Byrne, MSW'55, on 8/7/20.

Vincent A. Demers '55 on 8/6/20.

Terence F. Dewsnap '55, MA'57, on 9/24/20.

William R. Hanrahan '55 on 7/26/20.

Thomas J. Joyce '55, MA'59, STL'66, on 8/18/20.

Paul V. Kenneally '55, JD'60, on 10/19/20.

John P. Manning '55 on 10/13/20.

Thomas E. Reynolds '55 on 4/15/20.

Marie Fleming Sisk, MS'55, on 8/20/20.

Ernest F. Bizzozero '56 on 4/13/20.

Mary Louise Sheehan Brown '56 on 8/24/20.

John A. Caswell '56, MEd'66, on 10/5/20.

Laurence W. Corcoran '56 on 3/25/20.

Joseph M. Curran '56, MA'79, on 4/8/20.

John P. Driscoll '56 on 10/28/20.

Arthur C. Fitzgerald '56, on 10/22/20.

John P. Kane '56 on 4/3/20.

Joseph L. Donovan '57 on 9/22/20.

Elizabeth M. Kilbride, RSM, MA'57, on 8/11/20.

Robert F. Latshaw Sr. '57 on 10/28/19.

Edward J. McDonald '57, on 10/6/20.

Edward J. McGovern, MSW'57, on 10/20/20.

Thomas J. O'Toole Jr. '57 on 4/2/20.

John A. M. Silvaggi '57, JD'60, on 4/7/20.

Alfred F. Zappala '57 on 8/18/20.

John A. Zizza, Esq., '57 on 10/4/20.

Janet Churchill Branch '58 on 9/17/20.

John F. Connors '58 on 4/12/20.

Harvey B. Federman '58 on 4/8/20.

Arthur W. Gearty '58 on 9/14/20.

David D. Henwood Jr. '58 on 8/10/20.

Francis J. Kelly Jr., MSW'58, on 10/2/20.

Thomas J. Kurey '58 on 10/19/20.

John W. Lyons '58 on 8/10/20.

Eleanor Lyons McCabe WCAS'58 on 10/17/20.

Andre Louis Millette, FIC, MEd'58, on 8/22/20.

Paul K. O'Leary '58 on 9/10/20.

Maureen Bader Sullivan '58 on 1/29/20.

Marolyn Fader Ciarletta '59 on 10/26/20.

Timothy M. Cronin '59 on 8/10/20.

Patricia Kerton Fay '59 on 10/11/20.

Gerald S. Foley Jr., Esq., '59, MBA'73, on 8/12/20.

Claire J. Glynn WCAS'59 on 4/2/20.

Elizabeth M. Grady '59, MS'64, on 8/12/20.

Steven V. Guarrera '59 on 4/6/20.

Charles F. Harrington '59 on 4/14/20.

Maurice E. LaPierre '59 on 5/2/20.

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 Bridget F. McDevitt '06 on 10/9/20.
 Lara Kinne '08 on 7/31/20.

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Gayle M. Clark, MSW'10, on 12/28/19.
 Quinn S. Coleman '11 on 8/16/20.
 Denise Brown Testa, PhD'16, on 8/29/20.

BOSTON COLLEGE COMMUNITY DEATHS

Phillip J. Williams, of Mansfield, on November 9, 2020. He was ■ patrol officer for the BCPD from 1982 to 2007.

James W. Skehan, S.J., '46, MA'47, H'98, of Weston, on November 1, 2020. He founded BC's geology department, now Earth & Environmental Sciences, where he was a professor from 1956 to 2003. He was also director of the University's Weston Observatory, from 1973 to 1993.

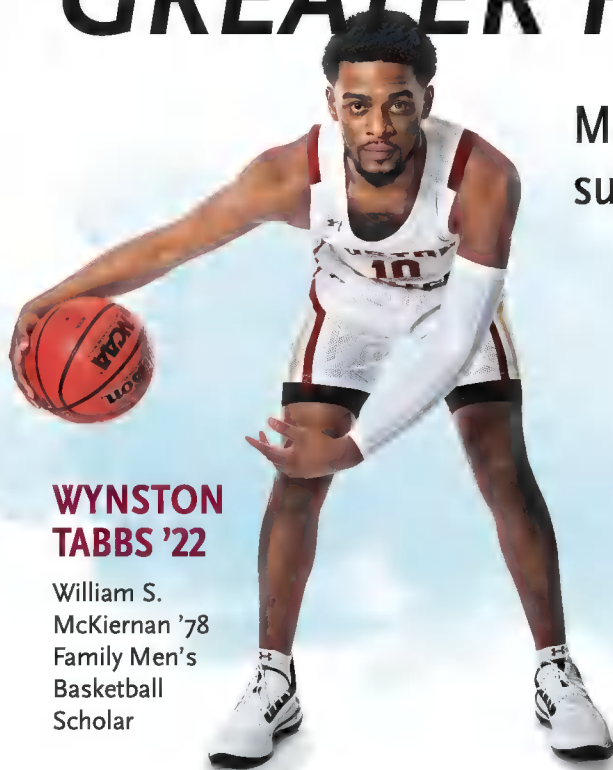
William J. Burke, of Acton, on October 20, 2020. He was ■ senior research scientist at BC's Institute for Scientific Research from 2006 to 2018.

The "Obituaries" section is compiled from national listings as well as from notifications submitted by friends and family of alumni. It consists of names of those whose deaths have been reported to us since the previous issue of Boston College Magazine. Please send information on deceased alumni to Advancement Information Systems, Cadigan Alumni Center, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467 or to infoserv@bc.edu.



SOARING TO GREATER HEIGHTS

Monumental campaign for Athletics inspires support from generations of Eagles



**WYNSTON
TABBS '22**

William S.
McKiernan '78
Family Men's
Basketball
Scholar

They've been Olympians, all-Americans, players of the year, national champions, and even Hall of Famers. Above all, they are Eagles.

Over decades, the Heights has seen transcendent performances across all Boston College's varsity sports. And since 2018, BC alumni and friends have rallied together to usher in the next great era through Greater Heights, the first campaign strictly for Athletics at BC.

Rooted in three priorities—facility enhancements, competitive excellence, and student-athlete formation—Greater Heights was established to help transform BC Athletics into an elite ACC program while enriching the collective experience of students and alumni and raising the national profile of the institution.

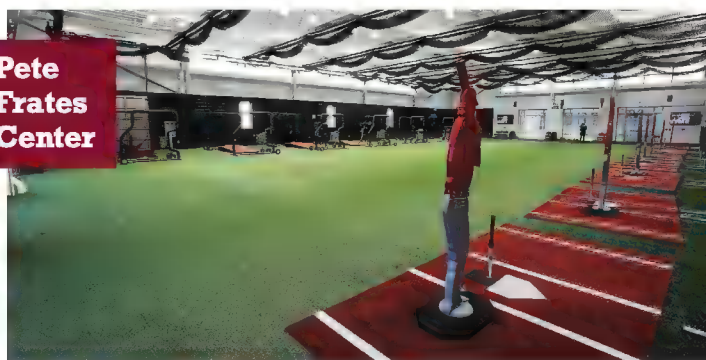
FROM THE GROUND UP

The most visible indication of BC's commitment to Athletics comes in the form of new and improved facilities rising on campus, thanks to a \$200 million investment by the University and philanthropic dollars.

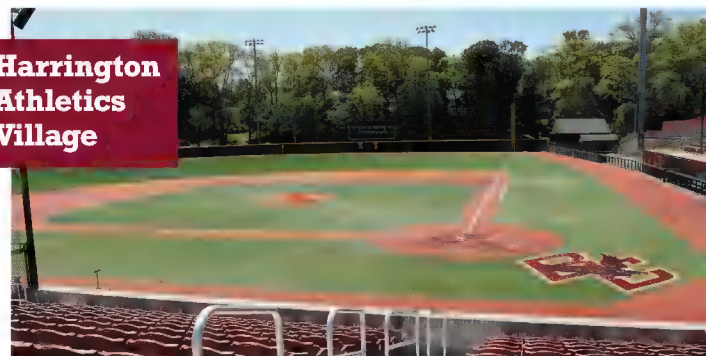
Early in the campaign, BC opened the **Fish Field House**—a 115,700-square-foot facility that includes indoor practice space for football and other varsity sports on the **William V. Campbell Field**, and the state-of-the-art **Hoag Strength and Conditioning Center**. Adjacent lies the newly upgraded **Chamberlin Practice Field**. New baseball, softball, and intramural fields highlight the **Harrington Athletics Village** on the Brighton Campus, also home to the **Pete Frates Center**, a 31,000-square-foot indoor facility, made possible with support from the **Yawkey Foundation**. And the expansive **Margot Connell Recreation Center** redefines the future of fitness and recreation at the Heights.

Numerous opportunities remain for improving facilities for many of BC's 31 varsity teams, which will help continue winning traditions and bring the nation's best athletes to BC.

**Pete
Frates
Center**



**Harrington
Athletics
Village**



Fish Field House



ASCENDING TO THE PEAK

To remain competitive, our teams need not only top-notch facilities, but also critical resources for travel, equipment, apparel, and more. Greater Heights established the Football Coaching Excellence Fund to help populate the staff with talent that allows the Eagles to contend with their peers and set up **Gregory P. Barber '69** and Family Head Coach **Jeff Hafley** for success. Donors also supported the Excellence Fund and the Flynn Fund, which offer flexibility to provide assistance where it's needed most throughout the athletics program.

To bolster that effort, in February 2020, BC launched Support Your Sport, an annual, weeklong campaign for alumni student-athletes to help fulfill their teams' needs directly through immediate-impact donations. In its first year, more than 4,400 donors contributed more than \$350,000 to all of BC's teams, with **University Trustee David Griffith '68** and **Janet Griffith** donating \$50,000 in challenge funds to spark competition among the teams.

"We know that our varsity athletes and alumni are some of the most competitive people out there, and they understand how funding impacts their teams," says David Griffith. "We wanted to inspire them to get involved by giving back."

THE WHOLE IS GREATER

BC student-athletes share traits that make them winners: talent, hard work, and passion. Yet they are also individuals, and BC understands that. The student formation fund provides enhanced academic support, tutoring, and staff that help Eagles develop as leaders outside the arenas of competition.

Scholarship support is another critical component. Greater Heights ushered in the first endowed position scholarship on a women's team

(goaltender), courtesy of a gift from the **Schiller family**. "Enduring commitments like this are so important not only for our team's immediate success, but for building a legacy," says women's hockey coach **Katie Crowley**. "We continue to be inspired by the generosity of our alumni and friends."

The University also walks the talk when it comes to supporting student-athletes through their trials and tribulations. Star guard **Wynston Tabbs '22** is back on the court for the Eagles, playing in his first game for the men's basketball team after two surgeries and 678 days. And despite needing to medically retire in her sophomore year due to a knee injury, women's soccer player **Julia Homan '21** was able to enjoy a well-rounded college experience filled with campus jobs, internships, mentoring opportunities and, ultimately, a job to follow graduation.

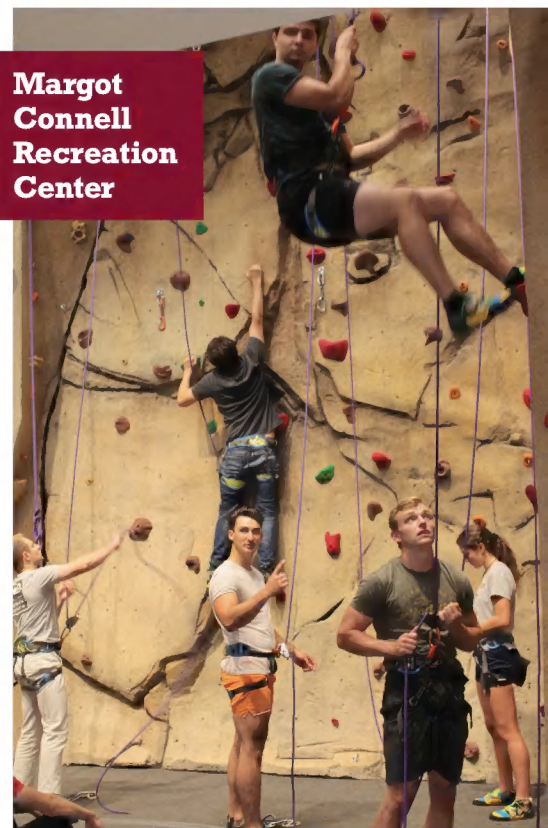
"Being able to keep my scholarship lifted a huge weight off my shoulders," Homan says. "It also affirmed to me the care and compassion that Boston College has for the whole person. At a time when I needed it most, the scholarship was evidence that someone cared about how my injury—and no longer being able to play soccer—would affect me as a person and impact my journey through college."

JULIA HOMAN '21

Jim Unis
Athletics
Scholar



Margot Connell Recreation Center



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Hisao Kushi JD'92

Thoughts on life and law from the Peloton cofounder.

When Hisao Kushi first heard the pitch for a new company, he didn't quite get it. It was late 2011 and his former Citysearch colleague John Foley, who would go on to become Peloton's cofounder and CEO, was explaining his idea for a spin bike that customers would use to access streamed classes. It took Kushi JD'92 two days of reflection to see that the fitness equipment was a means of distributing interactive digital content that people would pay to bring into their homes. "The light bulb clicked over my head," he said. Enlightened, Kushi—who had spent two decades in senior management and general counsel roles at internet technology companies—signed on as a cofounder. Today, he serves as general counsel for the \$40 billion company, where both business and the stock price (up about 700 percent since mid-March) have soared during the pandemic. Ahead, the Brookline, Massachusetts, native discusses everything from the importance of a moral compass in business to how *Beowulf* dissuaded him from a life of letters. —Courtney Hollands



My parents were leaders in something called macrobiotics, which was at the forefront of the natural foods and health food movements. And while my parents were not exactly hippies, I grew up in our house with a lot of random people making their way through at any one time. I got to meet and interact with folks from all around the world, which allowed me to have a pretty broad view of the world early on. I mean, some of that also comes from the fact that both of my parents were from Japan—being a child of immigrants naturally helps in that respect.

I was an English major at UMass Amherst, and for a little while, I flirted with the idea of going to graduate school to study English. But I looked at the course selections, and spending a semester studying *Beowulf* was just really not that appealing to me. I had a good friend at UMass who was planning to go to law school. And I was like, "You know what? This could be interesting." There are a lot of interesting things that you can study in law, about society.

I went to BC Law. It was a pretty supportive community, in terms of students, faculty, and administration. About two years after graduating, my wife and I got married. I was working at a small firm in Boston, and we figured, we're not getting any younger and the idea of me becoming a partner in a law firm, and having a corner office, was not particularly appealing. And so, we just decided that we were going to quit our jobs, pack up the car, and drive out to L.A. And that's what we did.

I was at Universal Studios for about two years. And then I moved over to much more of a pure internet company, Citysearch, which had just gone public. I was the second in-house lawyer when I got there, and it felt like I had found my people. The folks at Citysearch were drawn to the internet-business side of stuff and

were entrepreneurial and ambitious. Very smart, highly motivated. From then on, being in-house in interactive and internet companies was pretty much where I enjoyed being.

When we started Peloton in 2012, it was just like any startup: You don't know if it's going to work. You don't know if the idea's good. You don't know if you're going to be successful or if you're going to be any good at executing on the idea. But I knew John Foley, and when he called me up with the idea, I was like, "I trust John. He's the best businessperson I know, but he's also really kind and thoughtful, and cares about the right stuff."

After a couple of years practicing law, I think most lawyers hit an inflection point, where they say, *Is this something that I really want to do for the rest of my life?* That's an important question to ask yourself, and to be honest about. Having a law degree will serve you well, no matter what. But this is your life; do what's fulfilling. And don't be afraid to take risks in your career, particularly early on.

I feel like I'm still learning. In a lot of ways, the longer you go in life, or the further you go in your career, the more you realize how little you actually know, and how much more you have to learn. I have two kids, and one of the things that is really impressive to me about them, and younger folks in general—including our younger employees—is that they are so much more aware of and attuned to global issues around human rights. They're much wiser about this stuff than I ever was. In some ways, they help to bring a moral compass to work and to business, and I think that's important. ■

This piece has been condensed and lightly edited for clarity and fit.

PARTING SHOT

Ruff Crowd

For \$25 each, Eagles supporters bought cutouts of themselves, their kids, or even their pups decked out in BC gear to fill the empty stands at Alumni Stadium and Conte Forum while the pandemic keeps fans at bay. All proceeds will benefit student athletes through the Flynn Fund.



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